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## BIG MATCH CROSSTALK

### between MICK MILLS and ALLAN HUNTER

**MILLS:** I should warn you, Allan, that I've got a 100 per cent record against the Irish — three wins at Wembley and two in Belfast. I'm keen to keep the run going, especially since victory will virtually ensure that we go into the final stages of the European Championship in Italy next year, although I'm not expecting it to be easy.

**HUNTER:** You'd be making a big mistake if you came to Windsor Park expecting anything other than a tough match. I must admit it looks as if you'll be making that trip to Italy next year while I stay at home but we're approaching the game with a positive attitude and want to win. In ten years I've never been in an Irish side that has beaten England in Belfast — and I reckon I'm running out of time.

**MILLS:** I know how much the Irish — players and supporters — would love to defeat us because I captained England there in this year's British Championship clash. They're terrific fans and the atmosphere should be really electric — but there's far more at stake than just a couple of points, I realise that.

**HUNTER:** I was in the Irish side that produced a shock win at Wembley a few years back when Terry Neill scored the only goal of the game. That was a great night — but victory in Belfast would be even better. Actually, Mick, we feel we've done well to collect seven points so far. If we were to be completely honest we would admit that's more than we thought we would get at this stage.

**MILLS:** Ireland have turned out to be our number one rivals in the qualifying group but when the draw was made I thought Bulgaria would be the biggest problem. It hasn't turned out that way and I bet Danny Blanchflower is pleased with the results the team have gained.

**HUNTER:** I think you're right. Danny is a great manager and a terrific motivator and our performances are as much down to him than any of the players. In the old days we always went out trying to win but we didn't have the same belief in ourselves. Danny has us

well organised and we no longer think of ourselves as the poor relations. With our limited supply of top players, of course, we know we're never going to make a great impact at international level.

**MILLS:** Just as you obviously have a lot of confidence in your manager, I feel exactly the same about Ron Greenwood. He has a tremendous knowledge of world football, is far more talented as a coach than his predecessor Don Revie and commands the respect

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of all the lads because of the way he treats us. In my own case, remember Revie telling me I was a defender and nothing more but the current manager felt I had a lot more to offer. That was why he readily agreed to let me move upfield for corners and take up a goal-line position, just as you know I do for Ipswich.

**HUNTER:** I'm glad you mentioned that, Mick, because I'm still convinced you obstructed Pat Jennings when we lost in the corresponding game at Wembley in February. You stopped him getting to the ball from a corner and Dave Watson was in there to score.

**MILLS:** I agree I slightly impeded Pat. I took up a position in front of him and as the ball came over he tried to get to it before me. He missed it, however, and big Dave scored. There was no whistle but if the referee had blown I wouldn't have argued.

**HUNTER:** Just talking about next week's game makes me realise how important it is to both countries and I only hope I'm in the side.

**MILLS:** I hope we both play because not only is it good for us, it is also good for Ipswich.

**HUNTER:** It's a bigger game for Ireland because England are almost through to the final stages of the Championship in any case.

**MILLS:** Here's to Wednesday then, Allan, and what promises to be a great game. Just promise me one thing — if Ireland do win you'll leave the ribbing until we're both back at Portman Road.

**HUNTER:** It's a deal!



## THE MEN WHO

### Northern Ireland v England at Windsor Park

**W**HEN England play Northern Ireland in trouble-torn Belfast next Wednesday, they will be looked after by hundreds of their biggest fans. The men of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment, along with the U.D.R., will be responsible for patrolling the Windsor Park area of the city and will do so with mixed emotions.

Every soldier realises first and foremost why he is in the capital; yet the frustration of being 200 yards from the pitch is still understandable.

Whilst they are on duty, though, even a throw-in from the stadium, football will be the last thing on the troops' minds. When you're on foot patrol in Belfast, preserving the peace is far more prominent than Kevin Keegan breaking through the Irish defence.

The Army are not expecting any more trouble than usual at the game. The various political extremists have never interfered with football at this level and are most unlikely to, although the dreadful scenes at the Dundalk/Linfield European Cup-tie recently are a reminder that soccer in Ireland can never be totally divorced from the domestic differences.

Any hopes of an all-Ireland League, or a combined Ireland international side as they have in hockey and rugby, were dashed, but in fairness the so-called supporters who caused the trouble at that game had little to do with football.

The troops know that any violence at Windsor Park will most likely be directed at them, but only a handful, at the most, will actually see the match. For security reasons, they are not allowed to go to the ground in "civvies" and as most of them are soccer fanatics, recorded highlights will, as

always, be a poor substitute for the real thing.

A lucky few may be able to have a quick chat with the England players if they're in the platoon guarding the F.A. party. Some have fond memories of meeting Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton whilst they were in West Berlin for an Army tournament. Others remember playing against Middlesbrough reserves while stationed at Catterick — "we would have won, as well, but one of our players took a throw-in which never reached the goal-keeper and one of their blokes punished us."

### Expectation

Off duty, football is very much the predominant sport with our boys in Belfast. They are either on four- or 18-month stints and like all exiled soccer fans, they miss the involvement a lot. Many are returning to Colchester next month and the local Third Division club have, apparently, promised them a friendly, which already is being talked about with great expectation.

Again for security reasons, the soldiers can't even see Linfield or other domestic League clubs play. Their only contact with the game is through the media, although they have excellent facilities for training and playing.

Football is good for morale and this is essential in a posting such as Belfast. The regiment take great



Away from the troubles, the soldiers relax with a game of football.



# WILL GUARD ENGLAND'S STARS

Dressed for duty around Windsor Park.



pride in their team — The Pompadours — and they have just begun their bid to win the Army Cup, their equivalent of the F.A. Cup.

Preparation for these games, which are taken very seriously as inter-regiment rivalry is high, is not easy. It is not ideal to be on foot patrol in the Ardoyne immediately before a game; to change from a flack-jacket to soccer strip and play. Similarly, the knowledge that you have to go on duty almost as soon as the final

whistle has blown is naturally inhibiting.

The coach of The Pompadours is R.S.M. Brian McDonnell and sitting next to him on the bench during a game is only marginally quieter than standing by the runway as Concorde takes off. They say R.S.M.'s never speak, only shout, and he is certainly not a coach to let such trivial excuses as three hours duty prior to a game be valid.

His players are superbly fit and discipline on the field is, as you'd

expect, excellent. He says with pride that he hasn't had a player booked in two years; any sending-off means a player appearing before the Brigadier and the troops know that seeing the Brigadier under such circumstances is not advisable. Decisions are accepted without a murmur.

R.S.M. McDonnell gave a new dimension to touchline coaching and (out of earshot) one of the lads remarked that ever since that visit to Berlin "he thinks he's Helmut Schoen."

After 15 minutes one of the camp dogs ran on to the field... "if you don't get off you'll be in nick!" he yelled. Coincidence or not, the dog did, indeed, sprint for the touchline.

The Pompadours won 3-2 after leading 3-0 at half-time. The R.S.M. was relieved and so were his players, if for different reasons.

After the game, in the bar, the chat drifted to the England tie. "We'd all love to be there, but it just isn't possible," said Sgt. Hillier. "We all accept this as part of the job."

"The Catholics won't know who to support — they'll be cheering for a draw" ... "Brian Clough should be manager of England" ... "How Phil Neal gets in the team I don't know" ... "I'd play Tony Woodcock instead of Bob Latchford" ... "I'm still worried about Butch Wilkins" ... "Kevin Keegan is the best player in the world. Seems a nice lad, too" ... "Hope he doesn't burn himself out too quickly, though" ... "I'd pick Shilton in place of Clemence" ... "If Keegan doesn't score, nobody does."

The England players, with the maximum security, can sleep soundly. They also know that the soccer-loving people of Belfast will give Ron Greenwood's team a tremendous welcome.

And outside the ground, in the surrounding areas, the fans of a rather different kind will be on hand, just in case ...

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CHRIS DAVIES

Fans with a difference... The Pompadours are supported by their fellow troops during the match.



## How they stand

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#### GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
England	5	4	1	0	13	4	+9	9
N. Ireland	6	3	1	2	6	9	-3	7
Eire	5	1	3	1	6	5	+1	5
Denmark	7	1	2	4	13	14	-1	4
Bulgaria	5	1	1	3	3	9	-6	3

#### GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Austria	6	3	2	1	11	5	+6	8
Portugal	4	3	1	0	5	2	+3	7
Belgium	5	1	4	0	5	4	+1	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	9	6	+3	4
Norway	7	0	1	6	4	17	-13	1

#### GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Spain	4	3	1	0	10	3	+7	7
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	6	—	4
Yugoslavia	3	1	0	2	6	5	+1	2
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	1	9	-8	1

\*not including Spain/Rumania

#### GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Holland	6	5	0	1	16	3	+13	10
Poland	6	4	1	1	10	2	+8	9
E. Germany	6	4	1	1	11	6	+5	9
Switzerl'd	7	2	0	5	5	13	-8	4
Iceland	7	0	0	7	2	19	-17	0

#### GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
France	5	3	1	1	11	6	+5	7
C'slovakia	3	3	0	0	8	1	+7	6
Sweden	4	1	2	7	8	-1	3	
Luxemb'g	4	0	0	4	1	12	-11	0

*\*not including Czechoslovakia/-*

\*not including Czechoslovakia/Sweden

#### GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7	+6	7
Finland	4	2	1	1	7	10	-3	5
USSR	5	1	2	2	5	6	-1	4
Hungary	5	1	2	2	6	8	-2	4

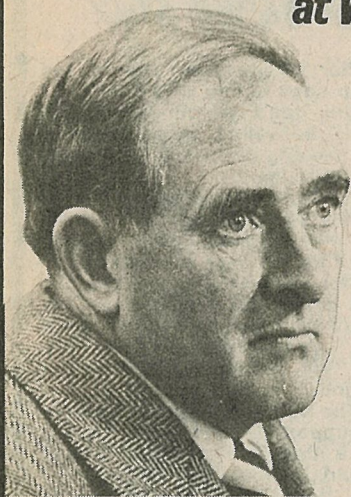
#### GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wales	4	3	0	1	10	2	+8	6
W. G'many	3	1	2	0	2	0	+2	4
Turkey	3	1	1	1	2	2	—	3
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	11	-10	1



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receiving end of an almost constant English goal barrage ever since, succumbing to seven defeats in eight outings, including two 4-0 Wembley drubbings, in 1976 and again last term.

In fact, to underline Northern Ireland's goal dearth and seemingly endless tale of woe against England this decade, the Ulstermen have totalled a meagre four goals and conceded a relatively massive 20-goal tally in the 11-game sequence.

But Danny Blanchflower's side, deflated after their 4-0 Euro trouncing by virtual Group One outsiders Denmark, in Copenhagen, last June, but always difficult opposition on their own patch, see next Wednesday's vital

## "We can beat England"

— DANNY BLANCHFLOWER

**N**ORTHERN Ireland have waited a long, long time — exactly 52 years — to defeat England on home soil.

Ever since a morale-boosting 2-0 Belfast triumph, in October, 1927, the green shirts have lamentably and continually failed to land an all-too-elusive Windsor Park victory over England.

Indeed, of the current Northern Ireland line-up, only Arsenal trio Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson, and Ipswich Town pivot Allan Hunter have tasted success against England, doing so in a 1-0 Wembley conquest, in May, 1972.

However, apart from a scoreless 1975 British Championship draw, in Belfast, Ireland have been on the

European Championship clash against England, at Windsor Park, as an opportunity to upset the odds and make long-awaited soccer history.

An Irish win would smash that long-time England hoodoo and at least impede Ron Greenwood's team's progress en route to next year's Euro Finals, in Italy.

"As the records show, we don't beat England too often," says Irish supremo Blanchflower. "England haven't lost in Belfast for more than half-a-century, but, one day, sooner or later, it is going to happen. Maybe, just maybe, it will be our turn this time."

In his illustrious playing career, dazzling, world-class wing-half Danny helped deny England victory no fewer than five times in his colourful, 56-cap international career, including a 3-2 1957-58 Wembley triumph and a 1-1 draw there, four terms later.

But now it is Blanchflower the national supremo who plots England's downfall, as the Irish finalise their preparations for next week's big game. "Of course it's going to be difficult, it always is against England. But we are not going to concede the Group without a fight and will be giving all we've got to get a good result," says Danny.

A quick glance at Ireland's home European Championship record — seven wins and two draws in 12 outings — clearly suggests they will be no push-overs, not even for seemingly Rome-destined, Keegan-motivated England.

Irrespective of the outcome, and for the sake of the fans, let's hope next week's confrontation is a much more exciting and entertaining duel than last May's dull, drab, depressing British Championship affair, at Windsor, when England won 2-0.

By all accounts, that was a game to forget. Here's hoping Wednesday's clash will be a match to remember!

## Republic of Ireland v. Bulgaria at Lansdowne Road

## Eire hope to put the pressure on

**P**RIOR to the England-Denmark game last month, Johnny Giles told SHOOT that Ron Greenwood's men were "odds-on favourites to qualify from Group One of the European Championship." And following their one-nil win over the Danes, England must now be even shorter odds to get to the Finals in Italy next year.

But Giles has not thrown in the towel yet, and he knows that if Eire can beat Bulgaria next Wednesday (Oct. 17th) and Northern Ireland next month the pressure will be kept on England right up to the last game in the group, England v. Eire at Wembley on February 6th, 1980.

Apart from the slim hopes of catching up with England, Eire have an old score to settle with Bulgaria. The East Europeans practically ended their hopes of qualifying for Argentina and they are the only country to beat the Irish in the current European Championship.

### Worst

Following their win over Denmark in Dublin last May, Eire travelled to Sofia later in the month in optimistic mood. But the display by the men in green caused Giles to say it was the worst performance since he took charge.

The Bulgars were completely on top and forced 13 corners while the Irish could not get one. And they got the only goal of the game when Tsvetkov beat Gerry Peyton with a great shot, ten minutes from the end.

On their only previous visit to Lansdowne Road, exactly two years back, Bulgaria managed to withstand fierce pressure from Eire and get away with a scoreless draw.

The news from Sofia is that "heads have rolled" since Bulgaria lost to England in June. And it's likely that some of the Olympic squad will be included next week.

In recent games Johnny Giles has not been able to select from a full strength squad due to injuries and next week he will again be without Jimmy Holmes, who broke a leg in the Sofia game, and Mark Lawrenson, who will be out until the New Year with an ankle injury.

Eire have sufficient cover at the back, but it's the lack of scoring power that has caused most concern. This was clearly evident in the recent friendly against Wales when they had nobody to apply the finishing touches to some excellent approach work by Liam Brady.



Liam Brady

Giles caused a shock earlier in the year when he included Austin Hayes against Denmark. It was the Southampton player's first call-up to the Eire squad. Jerry Murphy of Crystal Palace got his first cap against Wales in similar circumstances.

So if an in-form young striker can be found he could get a quick call-up. Giles hinted that he was trying to build up a young squad when explaining the selection of Gerry Ryan in preference to Steve Heighway for the Welsh game. He said he wanted to get to the stage where the oldest player in the team would be 29 or 30.

But he is prepared to make an exception where the choice of captain is concerned. Paddy Mulligan has again taken over the skipper's role and Giles has every confidence in his recent signing from West Bromwich.

Northern Ireland are the only side to hold Eire scoreless at Lansdowne Road in recent games and if Eire can find someone to capitalise on the approach work of Brady, their supporters can begin preparation for the longed-for game against England at Wembley in February.



Pat Jennings saves for Ireland against England at Wembley in 1972.



# West Germany v Wales

in Cologne

**SHOOT:** Having won 2-0 in Wales, this should be a fairly easy game for West Germany next Wednesday.

**STIELIKE:** Easy game? Definitely not. We got a good result in Wales, and played reasonably well, but Wales are not an easy team to beat. This game is as vital to them as it is to us — and we could only draw 1-1 when we met in Germany last time.

**SHOOT:** With relatively few players to choose from, why are the Welsh so difficult to beat?

**STIELIKE:** They may not have a wealth of outstanding individuals to choose from, but that doesn't stop them having a good team. They play with a lot of spirit and of course they play the British style of football, which must always be respected. Even so, I would pick out the left-winger Thomas as an outstanding player.

**SHOOT:** The match in Wales was hard, bordering on violence. And you were perhaps lucky not to be sent-off?

**STIELIKE:** Yes, it was hard, but I wouldn't say violent. As I said, Wales put a lot of fire into their game and play very aggressive football. And yes, I could have been dismissed. I already had a yellow card and then Wales broke clear on a counter-attack. I had to

## 'It won't be easy'

### ULI STIELIKE

(Real Madrid and West Germany)



Stielike (white shirt) tussles for the ball with Terry Yorath of Wales.

pull the man down, and I really thought at that moment that I was going to see the red card.

**SHOOT:** You've been insisting that Wales will be no push-over,

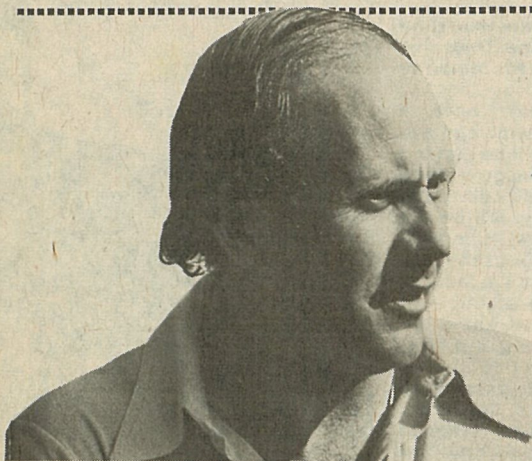
but how confident are you of winning?

**STIELIKE:** I'm confident that we will win, but we mustn't take any chances. I think we're possibly

technically better and more skilful than the Welsh, but technical superiority doesn't always win matches. We've got to match them physically and play with just as much fire and team spirit as they do. Then, and only then, will our technical superiority see us through. You've also got to take into account that we've been producing some erratic performances in recent times. I just hope we hit something like form on the night.

**SHOOT:** If we could imagine a European League, in what position would you place West Germany?

**STIELIKE:** Well, obviously, we've gone down since 1974 but I'd still put us in the top three in Europe. We're in a stage of transition, trying to build a team for 1982, and experimenting with a lot of different players to find the right blend. Obviously, the 1982 World Cup is a more realistic target for us to aim for, but we'll be doing our best to beat Wales and win the European Championship. I wouldn't like to make any forecasts, though. The all-important first step is to turn in a good performance against the Welsh and get those two points in the bag. It isn't going to be easy, especially as a draw could still be a good result for the Welsh.



## 'We're relaxed — and confident'

### MIKE SMITH

**W**ALES manager Mike Smith appears in public as untruffled, thoughtful and reluctant to make changes. "In fact," said skipper Terry Yorath once, "Mike has quietly turned over a couple of sides without anyone hardly noticing it."

Once again, Smith has made changes: once again he has come up with the answers for Wales.

From the side that slipped away to a bedraggled defeat against West Germany at Wrexham last May, he performed surgery instantly and made five changes. The result was that Wales have since gone five internationals without defeat and now face West Germany once more... in totally different mood.

It is a clash that Wales almost certainly need to win in Cologne on Wednesday to be sure of reaching next year's Final stages of the European Championship — and

the confidence is reflected in the words of Smith.

"Those five internationals during which we have produced football and determination of the highest quality have given us a relaxed confidence. This is essential when you go in against a side as good as West Germany.

"If the Germans have been watching us with their usual meticulous precision — as I'm sure they have — they will not have a clue about the formation or the tactics we propose to adopt. In each one of those five matches since they beat us, we have used different styles and different players.

"So much has come out of our British Championship matches last May, the European Championship qualifying victory in Malta and then the recent win over the Republic of Ireland.

"Against Scotland in the first of

those series of matches, there was the John Toshack-Robbie James-Alan Curtis success in attack; Byron Stevenson won outright command of the right-back position; Peter Nicholas played tremendously in his full international debut against Malta.

"We first used three players through the middle and no wingers; next we brought in a winger when we needed one against Malta; at the same time in that game, we took out a central-defender.

"Against the Republic of Ireland, we found a new attacking player in Ian Walsh who scored one goal and made the other in his first game for Wales — and we used only two players up-front.

"In assessing our prospects for this 'Cup Final' of a game against the Germans, it is important to realise the strides we have taken since that defeat by them in early May.

"First, we have probably our fiercest ever competition for places. I doubt if there has been any time in the past when Wales have had four

First Division players sitting on the bench.

"Secondly, we have proved that we can make changes according to individual form at the time and also in terms of the opposition we face. And, in every case, the alternatives are 'known' players of class, skill and top class experience."

One constant factor of the shrewd switches of Smith has been the selection of his goal-keeper, Dai Davies — whose form will never be more crucial than on Wednesday night in Cologne. If the Germans add to the two goals they put past him at Wrexham, it will deal a savage blow to the Welsh ambitions of qualify for the Finals.

A win for West Germany will make them 99 per cent certain to qualify — but the statistical position becomes intriguing if Wales come home with another draw. That would leave the Germans needing to score nine goals in their home matches against Turkey and Malta to qualify on goal difference ahead of Wales.



**J**OCK STEIN is not well known for mincing his words or indulging in flowery football phrases. There is no messing about as he gets straight to the point.

He looks at Wednesday's European Championship match against Austria at Hampden Park and says bluntly: "It's a game we must win. It's as simple as that."

"I'm not looking forward to any before this one. We still have to play Portugal at Hampden and Belgium home and away in our section, but we'll take them one at a time."

"The main thing at the moment is to beat Austria at Hampden. Nothing else matters to me or the team."

Stein, then, has set the target and Scotland realise they will have

no easy task against the rugged Austrians who beat the Scots — then managed by Ally MacLeod — 3-2 in Vienna last year.

Scotland's form was indifferent in the summer with defeats from Wales 3-0, England 3-1 and Argentina 3-1, but their slender hopes of achieving a place in the Finals in Rome next year were thrown a lifeline with a fine 4-0 win over Norway in Oslo.

"We needed that victory," says Stein. "It was crucial that we got a result in Oslo."

Now, Scotland are hoping to take it from there and add another two points to their total of four from the same number of games.

So far the Scots have beaten Norway twice, but have gone down to Portugal as well as the Austrians. Can Jock Stein's men overwhelm their opponents who have such fine players as Kurt Jara, Hans Krankl, Herbert Prohaska, Robert Sara and, of course, Bruno Pezzey, who netted twice against England as Austria won 4-3 in the summer in Vienna?

Certainly the Scots will be having a real go and one man who must be looking forward to the match is Kenny Dalglish.

"I thought Kenny was superb in our 1-1 draw with Peru recently," says Stein. "He played in his Liverpool role and was very impressive."

"That game must have been one of his finest performances in a Scottish jersey. I couldn't have asked for more from him that night."

Scotland, in fact, played well for lengthy spells against the South American Champions. The pattern Jock Stein is seeking is certainly coming closer.

Andy Gray, Wolves' £1½ million striker, could well play at Hampden. His rejuvenation at Wolves could be rewarded with a quick recall to the international side.

Gray's power could be vital against Austria. With Dalglish and Hartford supporting and Graeme Souness adding touches of subtle class with Gordon McQueen in the central defence, Scotland must worry Austria.

Alan Rough is likely to take his place in goal and set a goalkeeper's record for Scotland. He equalled the previous best of 28 appearances, held by former Dundee and Spurs number one, Bill Brown, when he faced Peru and he had no chance with their last gasp equaliser.

Scotland, then, will pose Austria more than a few problems. But, as Stein knows, victory is a must. Nothing less will be considered good enough if the Scots hope to book that place in Rome.

# 'We'll play to win in Glasgow'

vows Austrian goal-ace

## HANS KRANKL

**KRANKL:** This is a vital game for both teams. In fact, if there's a loser, that team can practically forget about qualifying for the Finals. A victory or a draw would be a good result for us, though we've also got to produce the goods in our other remaining game in Portugal.

**SHOOT:** How do you rate the Scots at the moment?

**KRANKL:** It's difficult to say. They have some excellent individuals, such as Kenny Dalglish, and Gordon McQueen, but they don't seem to get the results. It's a strange situation, and I get the impression that if they find the right blend, the Scots could be a great team.

**SHOOT:** You say a draw would be a good result for Austria. Does this mean you'll play a predominantly defensive game?

**KRANKL:** Austria now have a good, experienced team, and we always try to win. We'll be playing for two points in Glasgow even though we know it's difficult to get results there. Actually, it'll be the first time I've played at Hampden Park. I've heard a lot about the fans and the atmosphere so I'm looking forward to it. Maybe a couple of years ago I would have found the atmosphere intimidating, but after playing in Barcelona I think I've played in the most passionate atmosphere in Europe. Anyway, I achieved one ambition when I played at Wembley, and now I'm going to achieve another by playing at Hampden. It's an honour for any player.

**SHOOT:** Is it a disadvantage that many of the Austrian team play, like yourself, abroad?

**KRANKL:** No, not at all. We all love representing our country. And on a more practical level, it's worth remembering that we have more or less the same team that qualified for and played in the 1978 World Cup. In other words, we've all known each other for three or four years and we've already developed a good understanding. That's why it's no problem that we're now split-up in different countries.

**SHOOT:** This group is really delicately balanced. Who is going to win it?

**KRANKL:** I know they're theoretically in with a chance, but I don't think Belgium will qualify. It's between Austria, Portugal and Scot-



land — and we've just got to fight it out amongst ourselves. We've now got to produce two good away results in our last two games, and our problems stem from that 1-2 home defeat by Portugal, when they scored in the 92nd minute. So now we're faced with the difficult task of picking up points in Glasgow. By the way, I'd like to say to SHOOT readers how desperately disappointed I was at not being able to play in Austria's summer match against England. My wife had been seriously injured in a car crash and I just had to stay with her. Austria played one of their best matches for years and England played well too. I just hope we can reproduce that sort of form at Hampden Park.

# Scots look to Dalglish magic





ONE of the biggest surprises of the new season so far has been Luton's surge to the top of the Second Division.

The goal-mad Hatters hit some superb form in their opening matches to set a blistering pace for the rest to follow.

It is a remarkable transformation in a side that flirted dangerously with relegation for much of last season.

And it's a transformation that has had the fans purring with delight. Yes, those same supporters who not long ago were calling for manager David Pleat's head.

The team that Pleat overhauled dramatically soon after taking over from Harry Haslam at Kenilworth Road, seems to be settling down nicely now.

Their form so far has been impressive. And long-serving Alan West sees no reason why Luton should not keep it going.

"I've been here for six years now and this is the best side we've had in my time here," he declares confidently.

West is playing an influential part in Luton's success. And the midfielder man seems to be getting better and better even though he has not had a break from football for three years.

At the end of every English season West has packed his bags and jetted across the Atlantic to play for Minnesota Kicks in the North American League.

Then each August it has been back here to do his bit for Luton. And he feels that playing so much

# TOP HATTERS



Alan West

football has kept him sharp and helped him retain his appetite for the game — a theory that may surprise many people.

"Going to the States for their season stimulates me," explains Alan. "Minnesota are a big club and playing for them presents a real challenge."

"And while I'm over there I'm able to forget any problems we may have had at Luton."

"If we have struggled and had a bad time I have no time to think and mope about it. I'm far too busy."

"Then, by the time I return to England, all thoughts of the previous season are forgotten. I'm fresh, keyed up and raring to go."

"I can imagine our form this season has taken a lot of people by surprise. I suppose if we are honest we must admit we did not expect to do quite as well, either."

"But there was no way we were not going to improve drastically on last season's showing. Although, in our defence, it must be stressed we had almost a complete new team then."

"It was obvious they would need time to settle down. In fact we needed it to get to know each other — there were so many new faces at the club."

"Players were looking for property, moving house or travelling up and down the motorway and were hardly able to concentrate on their football the way they should have."

"We have two new players this season — defender Mick Saxby, from Mansfield, and Eire interna-

tional midfielder man Tony Grealish, from Orient.

"Both are doing very well, to add to the belief that we can really achieve something this season."

"It was a lovely experience to look at the League table early in October and see Luton with the leaders. You need a long memory to recall the last time that happened."

"The lads are pleased for David Pleat as much as themselves. He has worked hard to get the team he felt was right together and the fans have not been too kind."

"They are fickle. They want only success and can be mighty cruel when we are losing. But they pay their money — so I suppose they are entitled to their opinion."

## 'Red test'

"We are delighted with the start we have made. But it would be foolish for anyone here to get carried away."

"There's a long way to go yet and the real test will come for us in December, January and February — when the weather is at its worst. That's when we will find out exactly what we are made of."

That's the sort of level-headed attitude you would expect from Alan West.

He has given his best right through his career, without too many honours to show for his efforts.

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**W**HEN England manager Ron Greenwood writes down the names of the eleven men to play against Northern Ireland in Belfast, mine won't be amongst them!

Peter Shilton, my rival from Nottingham Forest, will be in goal.

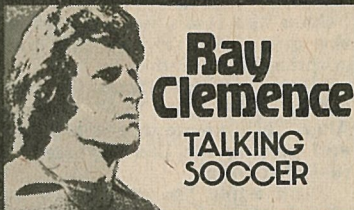
My omission casts no discredit on me. I'm not being dropped because the boss considers I could have done better in our previous European Championship game, against Denmark at Wembley when we managed to win by courtesy of a Kevin Keegan goal. The simple explanation is that from now on until the Finals next year in Rome — for which we should qualify — Ron Greenwood has decided to alternate Peter and I to ensure that we're both equally match-fit for international action.

## Crucial

Probably in the back of his mind is the experience of Sir Alf Ramsey, who was forced to call in Peter Bonetti to replace Gordon Banks in goal for England in that crucial World Cup Quarter-Final against West Germany in Leon, Mexico, in 1970. Peter had been out of the team for a long period, and consequently could not produce the form needed to stop the Germans scoring the three goals that beat England.

Peter, a 'keeper for whom I've always had the greatest respect, has unfairly carried the blame for that shock result.

Ron Greenwood is determined



there should be no chance of history repeating itself by arming himself with two 'keepers of comparable skill and experience.

So providing Peter Shilton is free of injury, I'll be "relegated" to the subs' bench next Wednesday, October 17th, or perhaps even as third choice 'keeper after Manchester City's Joe Corrigan.

Morale is high in the England camp now that we're topping the Group One table with nine points from five games, plus a handsome goal-difference of nine, that makes us odds-on favourites for the Finals next year.

The 1-0 win over Denmark was a great result, even though the team's performance was disappointing and earned us a shower of criticism from the Press.

I'm bound to say I felt much of it unfair, for two main reasons. First, we in the England team had only been playing competitively for about three weeks, since the start of the season; and no matter how many pre-season games we'd had or how much training we'd undergone, were not at our peaks.

This is borne out by the strange, unpredictable results that cus-

# 'WHY I

tomarily happen in the early stages of every League season. It needs a couple of months back in the old routine before a player can be expected to play at his best.

Secondly, the Danes fielded what is probably their strongest side in the competition so far, contrary to my expectations. I'd said in my SHOOT column that I doubted whether they would bother to ask for the release of key players, such as Simonsen, from foreign clubs as their chances of qualifying had virtually disappeared.

The Danes had obviously decided prestige was at stake, that if they achieved a good result against England at Wembley, either a win or a draw, their stature would be considerably enhanced.

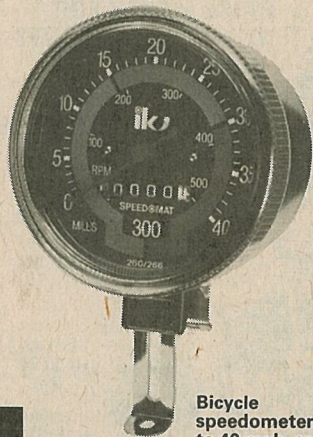
Foreign sides still have a tremendously high regard for England, the originators who dominated the game for so long.

It's galling at times for we England players to be the object of criticism when we have taken the country to the verge of qualifying for the final stage of a competition for the first time for many years. We don't want the Press to become raving, blind patriots, although encouragement from some quarters would be appreciated.



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*'Kevin Keegan's courtesy goal against Denmark'*



*Ipswich wall (left) of Thijsen, Wark and Muhren. Denmark's Allan Simonsen (right) played against England.*



## **'Liverpool must clamp down on Ipswich Town's Dutchmen'**

Sure, we didn't play as well as we'd hoped against the Danes at Wembley, but we did get the points. Heaven help us if we'd played well and lost!

We now have three more European Championship games, two friendlies — one away in Spain and the other against World Champions Argentina at Wembley — and the British Championship at the end of the season, to re-establish the understanding and rhythm which enabled us to beat the Bulgarians in Sofia in the summer.

I'm not being sycophantic when I praise our manager Ron Greenwood and reaffirm the squad's confidence in him. For Ron is the best thing that's happened to the England team for years.

Two defeats in around 20 games is a record of which any manager can be proud.

Apart from his great knowledge

of the game, and his ability to impart it to players from the top strata in the country, Ron has a quality essential to extracting the best from us.

He treats everyone as a man who can be relied upon to behave sensibly, not abuse privileges, and to prepare himself mentally and physically for the job in hand.

From the moment we report for England duty, we are trusted to turn up for training on time, to follow the coaches' instructions, and to go to bed at a reasonable hour.

The rest of our time is our own, to do what we like. On the day before the Denmark game, Peter Shilton was guest speaker at a sports-writers' lunch, while I went along to the big department store of Harrods to make a personal appearance and promote my new goalkeeper's gloves.

Mind you, Ron is shrewd in his

entirely down to slackness, indiscipline, and we learnt a valuable lesson from it.

So now we're getting ready for our trip to Belfast to play Northern Ireland, a team we surprisingly beat 4-0 at Wembley. After their fine 2-0 win over Bulgaria away, we'd expected them to be a harder nut to crack.

One reason for our victory was because we'd caught 'keeper Pat Jennings, usually one of the safest in the business, on an off-night. I doubt if he'll have another one in Belfast, where we know we'll have to work a lot harder to get a result.

Two points from the remaining three games is the target, though we'll be aiming for more to send us to Rome feeling confident of winning the European Championship for the first time in England's history.

When that happens, the knocking must surely stop!

Before the Belfast trip, we of the Liverpool contingent will be turning out at Portman Road to play Ipswich, a team I picked as a dark horse in the Championship race, in a League game.

## **Bad sign**

Their mixed results so far indicate that another of my famous predictions is due to be proved wrong.

Losing 2-0 away to Brighton, in their very first season ever in the First Division, was a bad sign.

Ipswich are a side with many top class players, including the two Dutchmen in midfield, Muhren and Thijsen. We will be out to clamp down on them.

There's always an interesting duel between winger Clive Woods and our full-back Phil Neal, and so far Phil has come off best.

In the Blues' back-four are two promising England Under-21 players, Terry Butcher and Russell Osman, hailed as possible successors to Dave Watson when he hangs up his red-white-and-blue shirt.

They'll have their hands full trying to contain our Kenny Dalglish, a 90-minute threat to any goal.

Invariably our visit attracts a large house, and we'll do our utmost to entertain a crowd that always appreciates good football.

Till next week —

*Ray Clemence*

selection of players unlikely to betray his trust and misbehave.

A great believer in creating team spirit, he's learnt a lesson from his experience in Sweden in the summer tour, when he brought in a large number of reserves to fulfil his pledge to give everyone in the squad a game.

The result was that England were uncoordinated and struggled in the nil-nil draw with the Swedes.

In future his policy will be to keep reserves to a maximum of three. More than that involves the risk of seriously unbalancing the team, as happened against the Swedes.

Our defeat in the friendly against Austria, in which we pegged back to 3-3 only to lose another goal, was



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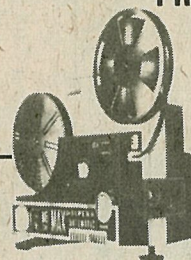
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"We just couldn't get moving," says the Dons' penalty-area prince of the half-chance Stevie Archibald. "I almost stopped during the game to make sure they only had 11 players on the field."

"As soon as the ball dropped at your feet there seemed to be about five Arbroath players round about you. Thankfully, we had a 4-0 win in the first-leg as a cushion, but I was still surprised by the calibre of their play and their enthusiasm."

"We didn't play well, but I don't want to take anything away from Arbroath. They are a good team. I'm glad they are not in the Premier Division."

More and more players are beginning to agree with Archibald. Arbroath are no longer content to be a 'day out' for rival teams. When the sun is blazing down and the North Sea beside the ground is calm it is an idyllic setting.

Arbroath, though, are currently ruining the happy 'holiday outings' for rival teams and their supporters.

Manager Albert Henderson, one



Manager  
Albert  
Henderson

of the longest-serving bosses in Britain with 12 years service at Gayfield, must step forward and take a bow for keeping the club afloat.

It is highly unlikely if they will ever put consistent pressure on Celtic or Rangers, but it is just as possible that they will enjoy dishing out a shock or two to 'bigger guns' in the future.

Henderson has worked well in the transfer market to bolster the team in several departments over the years. His persuasive tongue talked Davie Smith, Andy Penman and Willie Mathieson into leaving Rangers and joining his team. They all did a sound job for him before moving on.

## NO 'HOLIDAY' FOR TEAMS AT GAYFIELD NOW



Aberdeen's Steve Archibald is glad Arbroath are not in the Premier Division.

Quietly and effectively, the revolution has gone on. Long-serving Gordon Marshall — it's easier to name the clubs he hasn't played for than the ones he has! — kept their goal safe for four vital seasons and now young Ian Lister has moved in.

Henderson is quick to praise Lister, a brave and agile number one. He saved a penalty-kick from Airdrie's Sandy Clarke last season at Gayfield and before anyone could say anything else at the end of the game, Henderson said: "Don't call that a penalty miss. It wasn't... that was a penalty SAVE. There is a difference, you know."

"The Airdrie boy hit the ball well enough. It was good shot, but my 'keeper saved it. Give credit where credit is due. And don't blame the Airdrie lad, either!"

Henderson is always quick to defend his players and there is a good liaison between the manager and his stars at Gayfield.

He treats them with respect and he expects them to give their all for the club. Arbroath will never be giants of Scottish soccer, but, at the same time, it is good to see the game thriving in such a healthy state in a corner of Scotland where it might be allowed to fade and die.

Albert Henderson would never hear of it! Other managers, on the receiving end of a sensational result, might have other ideas, though...

## CLYDE WON THE RACE for 'keeper Connaghan

**I**T was like old times for Denis Connaghan, but there was one subtle difference. He was back at Parkhead, but this time he was facing Celtic.

Clyde's latest goalkeeping signing says: "I've never hidden my admiration for Celtic and it was a sad day for me when I left the club on a free transfer three years ago."

"I'm delighted to be with Clyde now, though. Craig Brown, the boss, certainly knows his football and I realise he has the interests of this club at heart."

"I enjoyed my stint at Parkhead during our Glasgow Cup tie. It was good to see some of my old mates again, but don't get me wrong, I did everything I could to make sure victory went to Clyde that night."

"It wasn't to be — Celtic won 3-0 — but I still enjoyed my experience. Wee Bobby Lennox was fantastic. If he can still play like that at his age then there is still hope for me!"

### Freed

Connaghan, who might admit to being on the wrong side of 30, has had one of the most colourful careers of any Scottish footballer. He went to Celtic, his first love, as a teenager from the juniors, but was freed without making any impact.

He took his goalkeeping skills to Love Street and was allowed to develop them with St. Mirren. One of his best games for them came against Celtic, ironically enough.

Celtic had won the European Cup the previous season and were machine gunning opposition right, left and centre. Lowly Saints arrived at Parkhead for what should have been a slaughter, but they pinched a point in a 1-1 draw and Connaghan was the man who defied Celtic with a string of amazing saves.

"Yes, I enjoyed that game, too," says Connaghan. "We actually opened the scoring and were pounded from then until the end of the game. I recall Celtic got their equaliser from Tommy Gemmell."

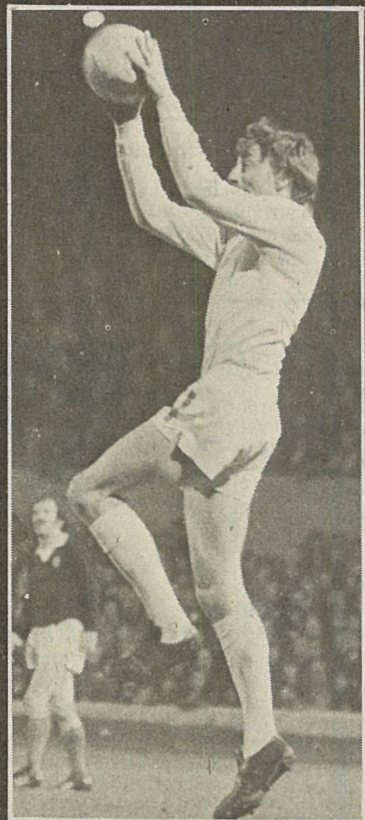
"It was one of his 'specials' and

there was very little I could do about it apart from admire it!"

When Celtic crashed to their sensational League Cup Final defeat to Partick Thistle in '72, Jock Stein, the former Parkhead supremo, went on a frantic search for a goalkeeper and eventually looked again at Connaghan, who had by this time sampled the early soccer experiences of America.

Stein was sufficiently impressed to buy the 'keeper and give him his second chance at Parkhead. Connaghan stepped in and helped the Parkhead rearguard through a hard time.

He still never made that position his own on a permanent basis although he played in the '74 European Cup Semi-Final matches against Atletico Madrid, who won 2-0 on aggregate after having three players ordered off at Parkhead.



The happy-go-lucky Connaghan picked up a Scottish Cup medal the same year when Celtic destroyed Dundee United 3-0 in the Final at Hampden.

When Connaghan left Celtic he went to Ayr and then on to Clydebank for brief spells. Morton gave him another opportunity and he repaid them by helping them to win the First Division title two seasons ago.

Connaghan was on his travels again at the end of the term after Morton had bought Roy Baines from Celtic. Clyde were the lucky team who won the race for his signature and boss Craig Brown is no doubt hoping that Connaghan can do a 'Morton' and lead his side into the Premier.

If he did, it couldn't happen to a nicer goalkeeper!



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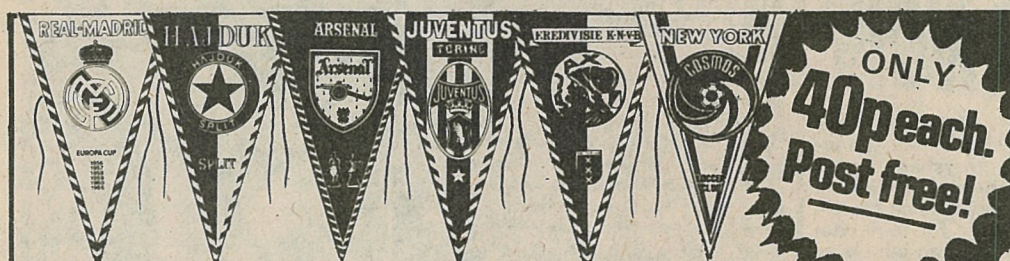
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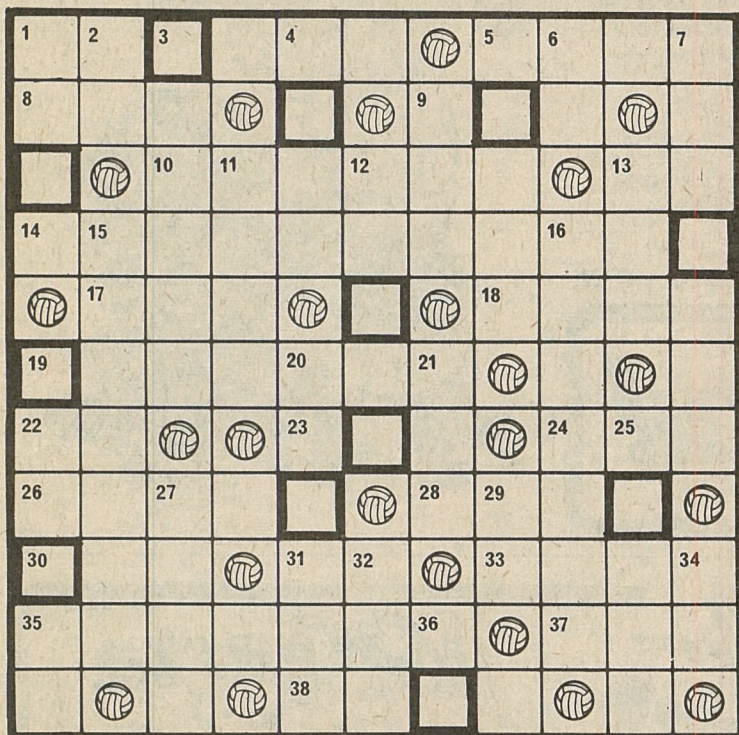
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# Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Southampton defender. Answers on page 47.



## ACROSS:—

- (1) Joe —, of Manchester United and Scotland.
- (5) John —, Ipswich Town midfielder player.
- (8) David N---y of Dundee United.
- (9) In playing condition.
- (10) -hi-lfi-l P--k (Berwick Rangers). Rubbed out from the omissions.
- (13) L--don Road Ground, Peterborough.
- (14) 1978 European Footballer of the Year (5 & 6)
- (17) He---ord United play at Edgar Street.
- (18) Assess the value of a player.
- (19) Opposed ... like an unappreciative crowd.
- (22) E---ebio. 1965 European Footballer of the Year.
- (23) Barn--e- are in the Third Division.
- (24) Terry --ra-h (Spurs). The omissions reversed.
- (26) Things given ... like easy goals!
- (28) -a-p--low Park (Morton). An heroic word from the missing letters.
- (30) Tool for clearing weeds, etc.
- (31) --ton Park, West Ham's ground.
- (33) --ra-r-er (Scots Div. II). The missing letters in reverse.
- (35) Ask earnestly.
- (37) -r-s-y Road; ground of Crewe Alexandra.
- (38) Port-mou-h from Fratt-n -ark.

## DOWN:—

- (1) One of the Charlton brothers.
- (2) Watford are nicknamed The H--nets.
- (3) Kevin —, Norwich City striker.
- (4) — Ball of Southampton.
- (5) Further apart.
- (6) Bob L--chford of Everton.
- (7) Ray —, of Liverpool and England.
- (9) Cost involved in the purchase of a player.
- (11) -revor --anc-s (Nottingham Forest). "Split" from the missing letters.
- (12) Expertness.
- (13) Take three letters from Port Vale for a seed.
- (15) Wearing away ... as of the playing surface.
- (16) Steve —, Arsenal midfielder player.
- (19) Emlyn —, Wolves defender.
- (20) Results.
- (21) The 'keeper must try to keep it on the ball at all times!
- (25) B-o-ham -r-scen- (York City). Combination of players from the omissions.
- (27) Festival or garden entertainment perhaps arranged by the supporters' club.
- (29) -l-inmoor. Torquay United ground.
- (32) — Jennings, Arsenal 'keeper.
- (34) -- James' Park, home of Newcastle.
- (36) --ttenham Hotspur.

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## Club internationals

What's the record number of players from the same club playing for their country on the same day since the last War?

SUSAN MEAD,  
YORK

● As far as British clubs are concerned, eight is the number — and Leeds is the club.

On 15th May, 1971 ... Paul Madeley, Terry Cooper, and Allan Clarke played for England v. Northern Ireland; Peter Lorimer, Billy Bremner, and Eddie Gray for Scotland v. Wales; and Gary Sprake and Terry Yorath in that latter game for Wales v. Scotland.

But Torino had ten players in the Italian side which played Hungary on 11th May, 1947.

## Wednesday in Europe

Have my favourite team, Sheffield Wednesday, ever played in any of the big European competitions?

SEAN FENELOW,  
SHEFFIELD

● Yes, they have — the old Fairs Cup in both 1961-62 and 1963-64.

First time out, Wednesday beat both Lyon and AS Roma before going out to Barcelona in the Quarter-Finals.

Two years later, they beat DOS Utrecht, but were knocked-out at the next stage by 1FC Cologne.

## Finals before Wembley

Which grounds was the F.A. Cup Final played on before the game came to Wembley in 1923?

STEVEN MITCHELL,  
BLANDFORD

● The very first Final, in 1872, was played at Kennington Oval, Steven.

In 1873, the venue was Lillie Bridge — also in London — and then it was back to the Oval each year until 1893.

The next two years saw Finals outside London — at Fallowfield, Manchester; and at Everton.

Up to 1915, each Final was played at the old Crystal Palace ground — and then, when normal football was resumed after World War One, the remaining three pre-Wembley Finals were played at Stamford Bridge.

In addition, replays have been staged at Derby (1886); Bolton (1901); Old Trafford (1911 and 1970); and Bramall Lane, Sheffield (1912).

## Best and worst

As a keen Irish fan of Crystal Palace, I'd like to know their best win and worst defeat?

KEVIN McLAUGHLIN,  
Co. DERRY.

● 9-0 against Barrow in Division Four on 10th October, 1959, is their best win to date, Kevin.

Worst defeat goes back to 20th February, 1926 — when Palace were walloped 11-4 by Manchester City in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup.

## Three defeats

I know Nottingham Forest lost only three of their 42 League games when they won the Championship in 1977-78 — but which three clubs beat them?

HALIAN JOHANSSON,  
SWEDEN.

● All three were away from home, and in the early part of the season, Halian — and these were the clubs which inflicted them.

Arsenal beat Forest 3-0 on 3rd September; Chelsea did so 1-0 on 5th November; and Leeds 1-0 on 19th November.

## Nilton Santos

My dad says I was named after a famous footballer called Nilton Santos. Can you tell me a bit about him?

NILTON CRANE,  
BRISTOL.

● Famous he certainly was, Nilton. He gained two World Cup-winners' medals with Brazil in 1958 and 1962 — and was still good enough, at the age of 40, to win his 85th full cap.

Tall, powerful, elegant, and unflappable — one of the first of the modern breed of overlapping defenders — he was one of the most composed and complete full-backs of his day.

## Euro Record

Which player has had the best record in the European Cup?

ALAN MACDONALD,  
NEWCASTLE.

● I think you'd have a job to find a better overall record than that of Alfredo di Stefano, Alan.

This superb "multi-national" striker — he played in internationals for Argentina, Colombia, and Spain — scored no less than 49 goals in European Cup-ties for Real Madrid between the 1955-56 and 1963-64 seasons.

Real Madrid won the first five European Cup Finals, and di Stefano scored in all of them — including a hat-trick in the last of those five.

## SHORT PASSES



● Arsenal's Pat Jennings is 33, and was born in Newry, Northern Ireland.

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● Birmingham City's first name, when formed in 1875, was Small Heath Alliance.

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# FOREST Win Adidas European Team of the Year award



**TREVOR FRANCIS** received a trophy for Nottingham Forest this season before he had played a League game for them. The England midfield star, earlier troubled by a deep-rooted groin injury, was at a special ceremony in the famous Lido Night Club in Paris recently with Forest chairman Stuart Dryden and secretary Ken Smales to collect the France Football/Adidas European Team of the Year award on behalf of the club.

The trophy is awarded for performances throughout the whole of last season, in both domestic League and European competition.

This year Forest, the current European Cup holders, finished ahead of Ajax Amsterdam, with French Champions Strasbourg third.

It was the second year in succession that an English club had carried off the award.

Last season it was Liverpool, who had previously won it in 1976.

The only other British clubs to have won the trophy were Celtic in 1970 and Arsenal, who tied with Ajax in 1971.

Apart from the clubs, Europe's top scorers were also honoured by France Football/Adidas in Paris.

Winner of the superb Golden Boot for 1979 was Kees Kist of AZ Alkmaar 67.

Kees, the top scorer in the Dutch League for the past two seasons is the first player from that country to win the award.

Greek international Thomas Mavros (AEK Athens) and Laszlo Fekete of Ujpest Dosza and Hungary tied for second place and won the Silver Shoe trophy.

Europe's best line-up with their awards. From left to right: Laszlo Fekete (Silver Boot), Thomas Mavros (Silver Boot), Kees Kist (Golden Boot), Ruud Krol (who received the Ajax trophy), Andre Bord (the Strasbourg President) and Forest's Trevor Francis.

## FRANCE-FOOTBALL/ADIDAS AWARDS

How The Clubs Finished

	Points
1 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	27
2 AJAX AMSTERDAM	21
3 STRASBOURG	19
4 SERVETTE	17
LIVERPOOL	17
RANGERS	17
7 BARCELONA	16
W.B.A.	16
PORTO	16
10 MONCHENGLADBACH	15
ANDERLECHT	15
BEVEREN	15
MILAN AC	15
BENFICA	15

## THE TOP SCORERS

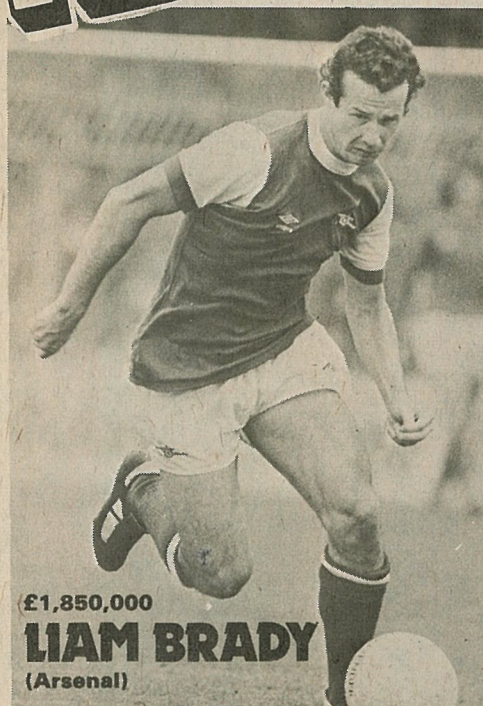
	Goals
1 KIST (AZ 67)	34
2 MAVROS (AEK)	31
FEKETE (Ujpest)	31
4 KRANKL (Barcelona)	29
5 ALBERT (Beveren)	28
6 BIANCHI (Paris SG)	27
FAZEKAS (Ujpest)	27
GNOMES (Porto)	27
9 CLARKE (Ajax)	26
10 GEELS (Anderlecht)	25
NENE (Benfica)	25



Francis stoops to head Forest's winning goal in last season's European Cup Final against Malmo.



# 12 OF THE BEST MONEY



£1,850,000

**LIAM BRADY**  
(Arsenal)

THE 23-year-old Irish midfielder could be on the move next year unless The Gunners come up with a contract that gives Chippy the sort of security he's looking for. Perhaps the best way to measure Brady's value to Arsenal is to watch them when he isn't playing. No player makes a team, yet Brady's presence is vital to Arsenal.

NOW 28 and at his peak, Daiglish looks a giveaway at the mere £440,000, the fee Liverpool paid Celtic. Kenny is the most complete striker in Britain and it is difficult to find a fault in his game when he plays for 'Pool. Strangely, he's never produced the same sort of form consistently for Scotland, although would-be buyers would not be put off by that.



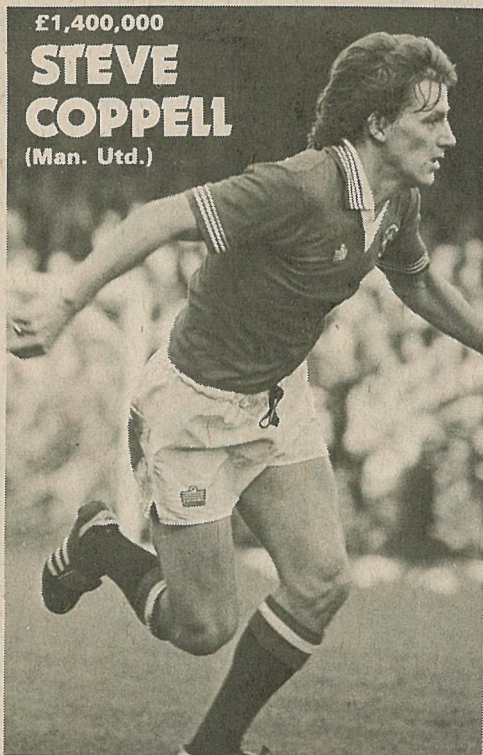
£1,800,000

**KENNY DAIGLISH**  
(Liverpool)

£1,600,000  
**FRANK STAPLETON**  
(Arsenal)



IRONICALLY, the Irish youngster emerged as a striker in his own right when his goal-partner Malcolm Macdonald was injured. Stapleton rose to the challenge of leading The Gunners attack and has blossomed into a forward of the highest class. Superb in the air, he's as brave as a lion and always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

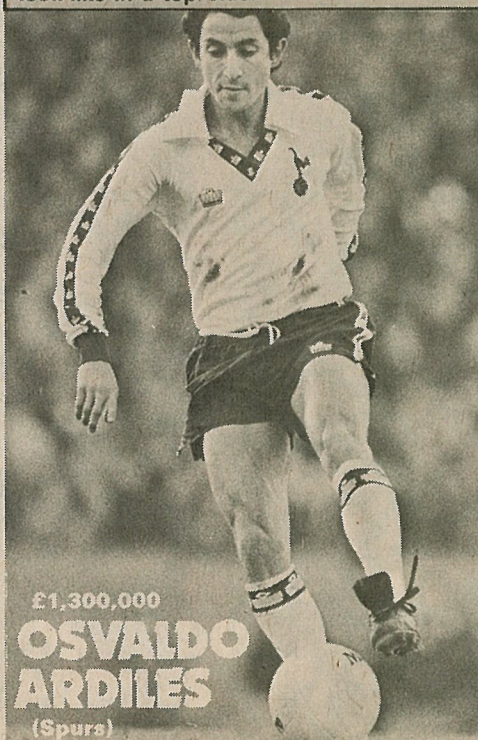


£1,400,000

**STEVE COPPELL**  
(Man. Utd.)

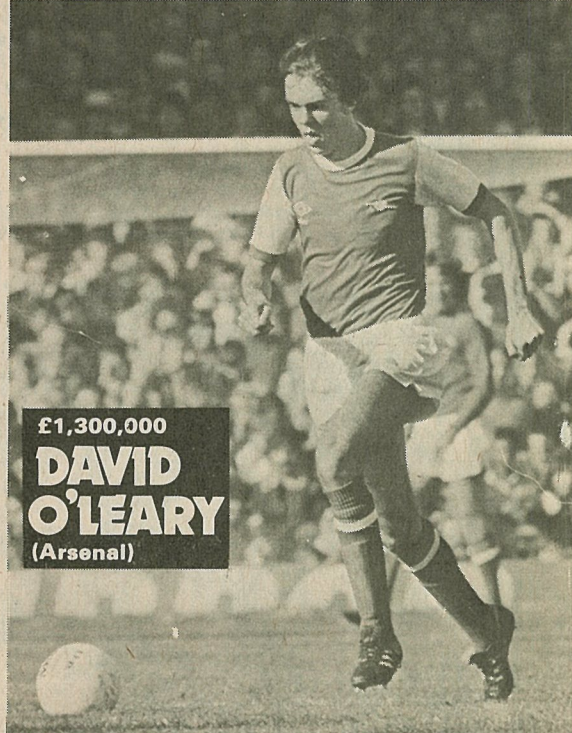
IF Steve Daley is worth almost £1½ million, then Manchester's top midfield dynamo must be valued similarly. In the past 12 months, the 24-year-old winger/schemer has emerged as an international of surprising class, weighing in with some vital goals. Steve has taken over the role in the England team previously occupied by Alan Ball.

RICARDO Villa may not have come to grips with English soccer yet, but Ossie, alone, was well worth the £750,000 Keith Burkinshaw paid for the pair in 1978. The 27-year-old Argentine had a marvellous first season over here and was unlucky not to win a Player of the Year award. With respect to Spurs . . . we wonder what Ossie would look like in a top side.



£1,300,000

**OSVALDO ARDILES**  
(Spurs)



£1,300,000

**DAVID O'LEARY**  
(Arsenal)

DEFENDERS, traditionally, don't cost as much as forwards, but there are defenders and defenders . . . We can't see a better one in Britain, or, indeed, in Europe and it's hard to believe he is still only 21. David has the hallmark of all truly great players in that he makes difficult things look easy. What a shame he didn't link up with another outstanding defender, Ruud Krol.



# CAN BUY

HE holds the record at the moment and got off to a great start at Everton by scoring on his debut. If Andy's injury problems are behind him and he can find the form of two years ago he will be worth every penny of his massive fee. As brave as they come, Andy is strong in the air and on the ground has that Gerd Müller-like knack of being in the right place at the right time.

**L**AST year, SHOOT carried an article about Britain's most valuable players. We chose 11 stars and estimated their transfer value. Events since have made those estimations seem cheap. Andy Gray, for instance, cost Wolves double our valuation, in September. How long our columnist's record fee will stand for is anyone's guess, but surely we are approaching a

time when our top players will simply be too expensive for anyone to buy, outside of Italy, Spain and the U.S.A. Using the yardsticks of this year's big-money transfers, we have chosen 12 of the League's superstars and estimated their current value in the transfer market. It will be interesting to see if we are proved correct or otherwise.

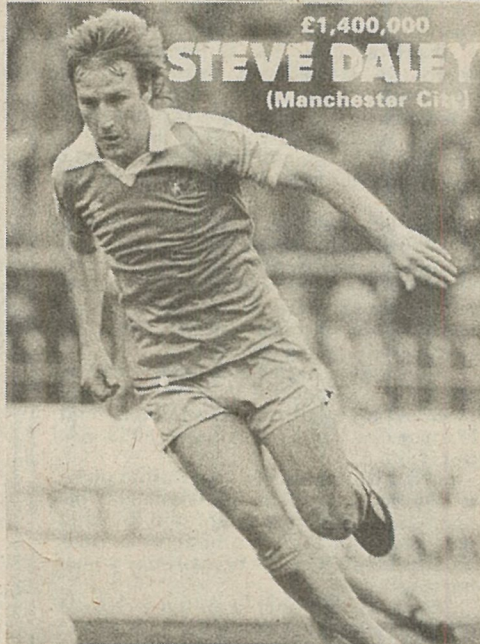
**£1,500,000**  
**ANDY GRAY**  
(Wolves)



**£1,450,000**  
**TREVOR FRANCIS**  
(Nottingham Forest)

**MAYBE** Cloughie wasn't so foolish after all. Trevor is now worth around 50 per cent more than the £1 million Brian Clough paid for him last season. Mind you, Trevor hasn't really had a chance to show his value; last season he was Cup-tied for many games, while this term he has been injured. Even so, he was the best player in a poor European Cup Final and no one could doubt his class.

TO be honest, we couldn't see anyone paying this figure for Steve again, but Malcolm Allison did and no one can depreciate that quickly! Steve is a good, attacking midfielder with an eye for goal.



**£1,400,000**  
**STEVE DALEY**  
(Manchester City)

**NOT** our valuation — Big Mal's! The Manchester City boss was willing to pay a seven-figure fee for the England Under-21 striker whom many feel could be another Kevin Keegan in the near future. John Bond paid Bournemouth only £50,000 for Reeves, a striker who is dangerous even when he isn't scoring.



**£1,200,000**  
**KEVIN REEVES**  
(Norwich City)

**£1,100,000**  
**TONY WOODCOCK**  
(Nottingham Forest)



**WHEN** Peter Withe left Forest, Tony's goals almost dried up and he was, once or twice, left out of the side. Even so, he is a delicate forward capable of the unexpected. He possesses good balance and is extremely sharp. Many believe his style is better suited to international or European soccer than the Football League.

**THE** England Under-21 schemer is fortunate to play alongside Alan Ball each week; he couldn't have a better tutor. Steve is a real midfield tiger, a ball-winner and play-maker in one. Perhaps the only fault in his game is that he doesn't score many goals, but he is highly respected by his fellow professionals and they are surely the best judges.



**£1,000,000**  
**STEVE WILLIAMS**  
(Southampton)



# New Lives for Old Stars

## NAT LOFTHOUSE

**B**ACK in 1952, Bolton Wanderers centre-forward Nat Lofthouse earned himself the title of "The Lion of Vienna" when he scored twice for England in their 3-2 away win over Austria. Today, the former international striker is in charge of the Executive Club at Burnden Park, where he started out as a player in September, 1939.

Says Nat: "I arrange sports nights and dances which help the club financially, and although I'm not actually concerned with football I still feel connected to the game."

After his playing career was ended, Lofthouse was reserve team coach, then Wanderers' assistant-manager, and manager, an association which lasted with Bolton for 33 years. But it was his days spent in wearing the number nine shirt that Nat cherished most.

"My biggest regret was when I had to hang up my boots for good. And my proudest moment was when Bolton beat Manchester United 2-0 in the 1958 F.A. Cup Final."

Lofthouse scored the two Bolton goals at Wembley on that occasion, and his goals-touch for Wanderers and England was such that the mind boggles at what he would fetch in the present-day transfer market.

"Fees are astronomical, but if I were playing today I would be out to make as much as I can from the game — it's a very short career. Football itself is more scientific, but I doubt whether it is as enjoyable to watch. And as a player I loved every minute I spent on the field, always going for goals home or away — teams attacked more in the old days."



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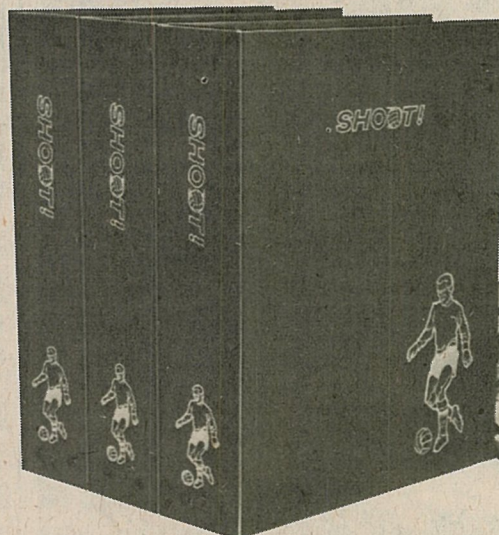
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## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# WOLVES ARE BITING AGAIN

Men at the helm at Molineux, Richie Barker (left) and John Barnwell.



**B**EWARE, the sleeping wolf is stirring again in its lair.

Wolverhampton Wanderers are re-kindling much of the style and passion for football that gripped Molineux in the halcyon days of the 50's when Billy Wright snapped into tackles in an ill-fitting old gold shirt and little Johnny Hancock's spindly legs wove sorcery in baggy black shorts down the right touchline.

Wolves enjoyed odd moments of success in the early 70's, notably their appearance in the U.E.F.A. Cup Final against Tottenham in 1971-72 and their League Cup triumph in 1974, but Bill McGarry's team never threatened to emulate the great days under Stan Cullis's management.

Now, the wind of change is blowing a gale through Molineux. Wolves' rejuvenation is being masterminded by new manager John Barnwell and his assistant Richie Barker.

A spring has returned to the step of a wolf that, sadly, lost its way for two decades. Barnwell's surgery on the old "animal" has been stunning. It has amounted principally to some straight-talking, big spending, big selling, and big thinking.

Barnwell, formerly boss of Peterborough, succeeded Sammy Chung in the middle of last season with Wolves heading calamitously for the Second Division and gates dipping alarmingly.

He saved them from relegation,

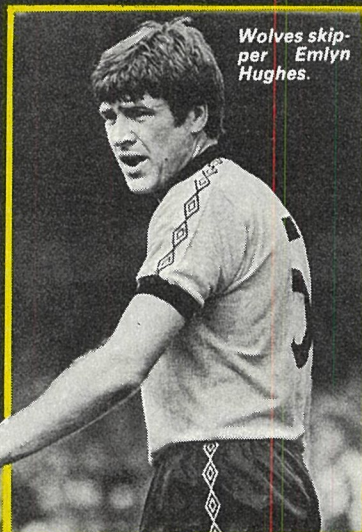
largely by restoring pride in performance, giving players a shot of confidence, and by shoring-up a creaky defence.

Barnwell capped an astonishing turnaround by guiding an exciting combination of young cubs and experienced pack-leaders to the F.A. Cup Semi-Final where Arsenal beat them 2-0 at Villa Park.

Wolves were bottom of the First Division with only two points from seven games at the start of 1978-79. This season they won five of their first seven League matches and were perched with the leaders.

They also reached the last 16 of the League Cup last month with an impressive victory over Crystal Palace.

All the more remarkable is that



Wolves skipper Emlyn Hughes.

Barnwell has accomplished his repair-job after recovering from injuries received in a road crash towards the end of last season that would have reduced most men to an invalidity pension.

His capable assistant Richie Barker, enlisted from Shrewsbury, took over the club's managerial affairs during Barnwell's lengthy hospital confinement and subsequent recuperation and such is his pedigree that "the boss" was hardly missed.

Barnwell returned to duty at the start of the season with fighting talk if not fighting fit.

"My immediate plans for the future are to try and strengthen our playing squad. I can assure everybody that no stone will be left unturned. The club has had its ups and downs — but from now on it is vital we go upwards."

Prophetic words, for Wolves started to climb the table at alarming speed.

Barnwell signed Emlyn Hughes from Liverpool in June for £90,000, whilst most people thought he would link-up with his old Liverpool team-mate, John Toshack, at Swansea.

Barnwell's powers of persuasion were clearly not to be underestimated. He said of Hughes, capped 59 times by England: "I am thrilled that he elected to come and I had no hesitation in naming him captain. His quality of leadership both for Liverpool and England has been superb."

Hughes lacks the pace he had as an Anfield "rookie" but more than compensates for that deficiency with the rugged control he brings to Wolves' defence.

But Barnwell isn't all sweet-talk and bonhomie. He wasted few words on Bob Hazell, who walked out of the club this season after failing to win a first team place.

"Bob who?" snapped Barnwell after someone asked him where Hazell was hiding. A few days later the Under-21 defender was transferred to Q.P.R. for £240,000.

He manipulated Wolves' one gilt-edged asset, Steve Daley, to pull-off the most sensational signing in the club's history. Daley fetched £1,400,000 of Manchester City's money — and Andy Gray was snapped-up from Aston Villa for £100,000 more.

Eire goalkeeper Mike Kearns was bought from Walsall to compete with Paul Bradshaw for a first team place, but perhaps the most significant aspect of Barnwell's short-term reign has been his influence on established Wolves players, who struggled so miserably under Chung.

## Potent weapon

Willie Carr is hitting the form that won him six Scottish caps; Kenny Hibbitt marauds around midfield employing one of the game's sweetest left feet; Geoff Palmer and Derek Parkin are playing with the vigour that took them into England's Under-23 team; and Peter Daniel's surges through midfield and power-shooting are becoming a potent weapon.

They deliver the bullets for Andy Gray — and his unsung striking partner John Richards, now fully fit after three operations on his right knee threatened to terminate his career.

No wonder Barnwell reckons that Gray and Richards could become the most dangerous spearhead in the country. They lost no time in proving their worth.

Gray scored within 49 minutes of his debut, at Everton, and a few minutes later Richards scored to clinch victory at Goodison Park on his first appearance for months after injury.

No wonder Emlyn Hughes was smiling that day. He had been hobbling in training but pleaded for the number six shirt to take the pressure off Gray and Richards.

Who in the Everton crowd would resist the temptation to bait a former Liverpool player, who once said their club was "tragic"?



Andy Gray (centre) and John Richards (number ten) could become the best strike partnership in the League.



**BACK ROW** (left to right): Wayne Clarke, John McAlle, George Berry, Paul Bradshaw, Mick Kearns, Colin Brazier, Kenny Hibbitt.

**CENTRE ROW:** Richie Barker (assistant manager), Martin Patching, Ian Ross, Steve Daley (now Man. City), Bob Hazell (now Q.P.R.), John Richards, Geoff Palmer, Ken Walters (physio).

**FRONT ROW:** Billy Rafferty, Peter Daniel, Mel Eves, Emlyn Hughes, Willie Carr, Norman Bell, Derek Parkin.

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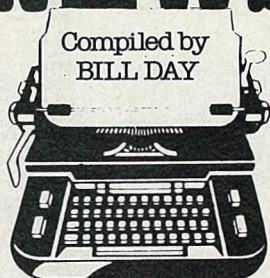
**REMEMBER** Dave Smallman, Everton's Welsh forward, whose contract with the Goodison club was terminated after he broke a leg for the second time?

It is sad to report that ill-luck continues to dog him. He was all set to pick-up the threads of a shattered career with a club in Sweden when he had to go into hospital for another operation on the injured leg.

Smallman moaned: "I was told I had to have a plate put in it. The specialists said that if I didn't have it done, I would never play again and would probably have trouble in walking without a limp."

## NEWS

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## DESK

GIORGIO Mazzon, a 19-year-old centre-half on Tottenham's books, wants his name anglicised.

He says: "The FA have registered my Christian name as Giorgio, but as the English translation is George, I would like to be known as George Mazzon."

Born in Waltham, he was head boy at his primary school and captain of the Herts County Youth team for two years. He has played for non-League sides Hertford and Cheshunt.

## Unhappy at Liverpool

**COLIN** Irwin, Liverpool's promising central defender, is not happy with reserve team football and could be on the move from Anfield.

He has already had one "clear the air" meeting with manager Bob Paisley.

The problem is that Irwin, aged 22, resents losing his first team place after coming into the side when established stars are injured.

He put in some convincing displays recently in place of the injured Alan Hansen. Irwin has signed a two-year contract this season despite his unhappiness.

"Bob Paisley said it would be best if I signed the contract and if nothing happened, we could discuss the situation again. I thought that was fair. I'm just taking things day by day, but at 22 don't want to stay permanently in the reserves."

IN last week's issue we included a feature on Oldham's assistant-manager Bill Taylor. Unfortunately Bill was taken seriously ill as we went to Press.

I'm sure all SHOOT readers will join us in sending Bill best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

# 'STOP CONNING REFS'

PLEADS KEITH BURKINSHAW

**S**PURS manager Keith Burkinshaw is becoming increasingly worried over the ever-growing gap between referees and players and managers.

Burkinshaw, like other managers, is banned from talking about referees' individual performances following a League directive, yet feels strongly enough to say: "The situation is becoming worse. Quite a few clubs are going to be in trouble because of the penalty points players are accumulating."

"The sooner we all get together and talk about things the better. What mystifies me is when the obvious isn't given. Sometimes the ref is the only person in the ground not to see an offence."

"The sad part is that fans and the media are looking for bookings. I was at a game not long ago where supporters were yelling for the ref to caution a player who'd nipped off for a drink of water while someone was injured."

"Football is no dirtier now than four or five years ago, but bookings are more plentiful."

"Players must take their share of the blame when they try to con referees. I have fined one of my lads this season for such ungentlemanly conduct."



Ooh! That hurt

FRANK Carrodus is working like a demon to return to Aston Villa's midfield after a cartilage operation. He was given a run-out by Ron Saunders in the reserves but has broken down again. Same knee, same trouble. Now, Villa cannot forecast a date for Frank's return to the first team squad.

**G**ARRY Thompson, Coventry City's young striker, is now easing himself back into the game after breaking a leg last season.

He has been indebted to a lot of people at Highfield Road for assisting him during this period. People like George Curtis, Coventry's former captain and current commercial manager, who fully appreciated Thompson's plight because he, too, suffered a broken leg during his career.

Thompson, who was mentioned for possible international selection before his injury, is now keen to get back to the standard he had achieved last season.

He admits that he still faces competition at Highfield Road because such players as Mick Ferguson, Ian Wallace, Tom English and Mark Hateley are all contesting the striking position.

## Godden's happy again

**T**ONY Godden (right), West Bromwich Albion's goalkeeper, is much happier than he was a few weeks ago when it appeared as if he would be leaving The Hawthorns.

He could not agree terms with the Albion boss, Ron Atkinson, and went on offer.

The two then got together and the outcome was that Godden decided to stay with Albion. Unfortunately Albion made a poor start to the season but their fortunes have improved after Godden kept three successive blank goalsheets.

Godden said: "When you don't concede a goal it boosts everyone in the side."



## GEORGE'S BETTER HALF

SUNDERLAND's coach George Herd was so involved with the Roker Park club that his wife, Barbara, took the children on holiday to Jersey.

The trip was worth it, for she won a beauty title organised by an hotel on the island and received a bumper bundle of prizes.

George's statistics: five Scotland caps with Clyde before joining Sunderland as a fast moving inside forward.

Barbara's statistics: Height five feet three inches measuring 34-24-36.

ADRIAN Heath, an 18-year-old Stoke City midfielder player, is a true all-rounder.

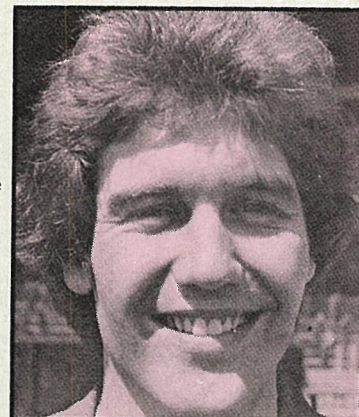
The Staffs youngster has won county honours for badminton, athletics and soccer. He also plays tennis.

Adrian, who won Newcastle-under-Lyme and Staffs honours for soccer as a schoolboy, made his League debut for Stoke against Fulham last season.

## Straight to the horse's mouth

STRATHCLYDE police came up "trumps" for a football supporter when one of their horses swallowed his ticket. A group of supporters were talking outside Ibrox Stadium for the Rangers v Celtic game. One was waving his ticket and a police horse nipped it out of his hand and ate it.

But the man got in to see the game. Said Supt Max Frood: "The incident was witnessed by the mounted policeman and we arranged for the man to get into the game."





## 'Where's the skill gone?' asks Denis Law

**F**ORMER Scotland and Manchester United idol Denis Law is appalled at the number of footballers who lack the basic skills of the game.

"They can't trap or head a ball properly," he complains. "They can't pull a ball down or slow a game down. They don't create anything."

"The game seems to be based on destroying rather than creating. The great virtue now seems to be being fit and able to run. If you have these attributes you have a chance of becoming a player. Skills seem to have been forgotten."

Law blames modern coaches for the decline in standards.

"Over recent years they have become very important people, and yet I think they have done a great deal to stifle skill. The emphasis is on method rather than in developing natural talent."

"By the time they are 17 they have been programmed like robots, but haven't mastered the basic skills."

Law airs his criticisms of the game in his autobiography, published by MacDonald and Janes.

He dislikes the word "work-rate" and names two world stars of his era, Jimmy Greaves and Ferenc Puskas, who had "nil" work-rate.

## MAN UNITED



*FIRST came the kissing. Then players started cuddling. The latest craze appears to be holding hands.*

*Frank Lampard (left) of West Ham and Brighton's Gary Williams are better known for their strong tackling, but here they reveal softer sides to their natures.*

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## Pearson's career threatened

**T**ALENTED Portadown defender Herbie Pearson's highly promising top-grade career could well be over almost before it had begun in earnest.

A serious knee injury, sustained in Ports' Second Round Irish Cup replay win against Ballymena, last season, has not responded to treatment, almost certainly sidelining luckless Pearson for most of 1979-80 and threatening to terminate the ex-Irish Youth cap's seemingly stardom-bound career.

"A specialist rates my comeback chances pretty slim, but I'm still optimistic. I certainly won't give up without a fight," says a still hopeful Herbie.

## DOC BAGS MAC

**N**ORTHERN Ireland Schoolboy international central defender Alan McDonald will join Queens Park Rangers later this season.

Alan, 15, a younger brother of vastly experienced Crusaders' keeper Roy McDonald, also interested Everton and Manchester United.

He will join fellow-Ulstermen Dave McCreery and Billy Hamilton at Loftus Road.

**FORMER** Linfield, Portadown and Glenavon 'keeper Bobby Carlisle has been snapped-up by progressive outfit Newry Town, themselves seemingly destined for an eventual place in Northern Ireland's top grade.

## VILLA'S WALK-OUT THREAT

**RICARDO** Villa has been telling the folks back home in Argentina that his situation at Spurs is tense.

The trouble started when Keith Burkinshaw named the Argentinian international as substitute against Stoke.

A fierce row followed and Villa asked to be put on the transfer list. He refused point-blank to be sub for the Stoke game (McAllister took his place) and then didn't report for the following game against Manchester United, even though he had been named in the team.

Finally, the Spurs manager visited Villa's house to sort things out, and an uneasy peace was restored.

But Villa warns: "If I'm not regularly picked for the first team, I'll be on the first plane back to Buenos Aires."

## SHOOT stars again

**WE** follow the players everywhere — even on to the pitch! **SHOOT** made a bold appearance at the First Division game between Aston Villa and Manchester United, at Villa Park.



## FACTastic

**JOHN** Deham signed for West Bromwich Albion on the Midland club's 100th birthday.

The fee Albion paid Aston Villa was £400,000 — £100,000 more than manager Ron Atkinson's first offer nearly 12 months ago.

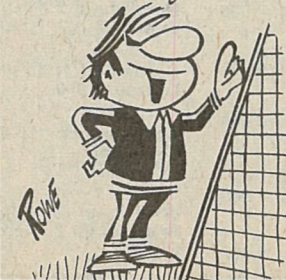
Atkinson's latest signing took his spending on new players since the end of last season to £1½m.

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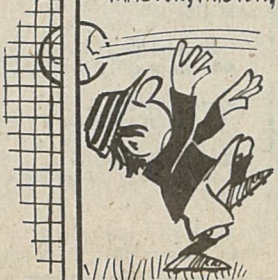
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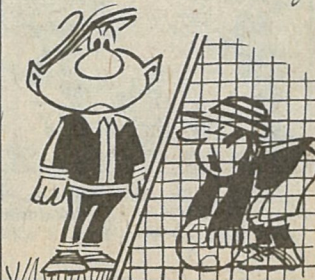
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## Sunday, September 23

### League of Ireland

Athlone Town (0) 0  
Sligo Rovers (1) 2 (Fagan, Sheridan)

Dundalk (0) 1 (Daly)  
Bohemians (0) 0

Finn Harps (1) 2 (Minnock, McGrory)  
Galway Rovers (0) 0

Home Farm (0) 0  
UCD (0) 1 (Drury)

Limerick United (3) 4 (Hand 4)  
Cork United (1) 1 (Wiggington)

St. Patrick's Athletic (3) 4 (Hynes, Jameson, Saul, Kirwan)  
Thurles Town (0) 1 (Steedman (pen))

Waterford (0) 1 (Keane)  
Shelbourne (1) 1 (Donovan)

## Tuesday, September 25

### Football League Cup

#### (Third Round)

Arsenal (1) 2 (Stapleton, Brady)  
Southampton (0) 1 (Williams) 34,145

Aston Villa (0) 0  
Everton (0) 0 22,635

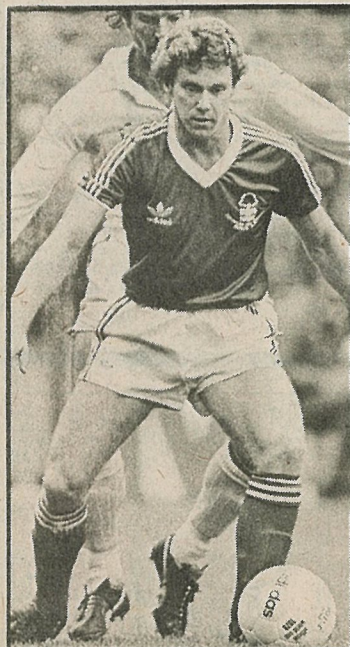
Crystal P (1) 1 (Flanagan)  
Wolves (0) 2 (Hibbitt, Eves) 30,727

Grimsby (2) 3 (Liddell, Ford, Cumming)  
Notts Co (0) 1 (O'Brien (pen)) 11,881

Liverpool (2) 3 (Fairclough, Dalglish, McDermott)  
Chesterfield (0) 1 (Birch) 20,960

Mansfield (0) 0  
Q.P.R. (0) 3 (Bowles, Allen, Currie) 10,000

Middlesbro (0) 1 (Armstrong)  
Nottm For (1) 3 (Woodcock 3) 29,869



Nottingham Forest's Tony Woodcock scored his first-ever hat-trick during the League Cup holders 3-1 win at Middlesbrough.

Northampton (0) 0  
Brighton (1) 1 (Poskett) 7,105

Plymouth (0) 0  
Wimbledon (0) 0 6,090

West Ham (1) 1 (Cross)  
Southend (1) 1 (Pountney) 19,658

## Wed September 26

### European Cup

(First Round, second-leg)

Malta Hibs (0) 1 (Vella)  
Dundalk (0) 0  
Dundalk win 2-1 on agg.) 6,000

### Football League Cup

(Third Round)

Birmingham (0) 1 (Ainscow)  
Exeter (0) 2 (Neville 2) 13,669

Man City (0) 1 (Robinson)  
Sunderland (0) 1 (Chisholm) 26,181

Norwich (2) 4 (Nicholl (o.g.), Hoadley, Buchan (o.g.), Fashanu)  
Manchester Utd (1) 1 (McIlroy) 18,312



Alan Sunderland narrowly misses for Arsenal against Southampton. The Gunners won 2-1 at Highbury.

Peterborough (1) 1 (Parkinson)  
Bristol C (0) 1 (Gow) 7,067

Stoke (2) 2 (Crooks, O'Callaghan)  
Swindon (1) 2 (Mayes, Rowland) 17,000

West Brom (2) 2 (Wile, Brown, T. (pen))  
Coventry (1) 1 (English) 18,069

### Scottish League Cup

(Third Round, first-leg)

Aberdeen (2) 3 (Garner, Harper, McLeish)  
Rangers (0) 1 (Johnstone) 18,000

Dundee (0) 2 (Sinclair, Murphy)  
Ayr (0) 1 (Frye) 5,133

Hamilton (0) 1 (O'Donnell)  
St. Mirren (3) 3 (Torrance, Richardson, McDougall) 7,000

Hibs (0) 1 (Higgins)  
Kilmarnock (1) 2 (Cairney, Bourke) 4,241

Partick (0) 0  
Morton (0) 1 (Rooney) 5,000

Queen's Park (0) 0  
Dundee U (0) 3 (Pettigrew, Dodds, Sturrock) 1,000

Raith (0) 1 (Harrow)  
St. Johnstone (0) 1 (Hamilton) 4,000

Stirling (0) 1 (Armstrong (pen))  
Celtic (0) 2 (McAdam, Doyle) 9,000

### International

Czechoslovakia (2) 4 (Ondrus, Nehoda, Kroupa, Masny)  
Republic of Ireland (0) 1 (McGee) 10,000

## Friday, September 28

### Fourth Division

Scunthorpe (0) 0  
Doncaster (0) 0 4,465

Stockport (0) 1 (Czuczman)  
Huddersfield (1) 2 (Laverick, Hart) 5,369

Tranmere (0) 0  
Bournemouth (1) 5 (Borthwick 2, Butler 2, Bryant) 2,803

## Saturday, September 29

### First Division

Arsenal (0) 2 (Stapleton, Hollins)  
Wolves (2) 3 (Hibbitt, Gray 2) 41,844

### Second Division

Birmingham (0) 0  
Newcastle (0) 0 19,967

Bristol R (1) 1 (Penny)  
Cardiff (1) 1 (Pontin) 8,949

Cambridge (0) 0  
Chelsea (0) 1 (Johnson) 8,792

Fulham (0) 1 (Lock (pen))  
Luton (1) 3 (Moss (pen), Hill, Hatton) 8,680

Oldham (0) 0  
Q.P.R. (0) 0 8,974

Shrewsbury (0) 1 (Biggins)  
Orient (0) 0 6,176

Sunderland (0) 1 (Clarke)  
Preston (0) 1 (Elliott) 24,594

Swansea (0) 0  
Leicester (2) 2 (Rofe 2) 15,104

Watford (1) 2 (Bolton (pen), Jenkins)  
Charlton (1) 1 (Shaw) 13,598

West Ham (0) 2 (Stewart (pen), Lansdowne)  
Burnley (1) 1 (Scott) 18,327

Wrexham (0) 1 (Vinter)  
Notts Co (0) 0 9,183

### Third Division

Blackburn (0) 0  
Rotherham (0) 3 (Gwyther 2, Finney) 7,435

Brentford (0) 2 (McNichol, Phillips)  
Southend (0) 0 6,930

Bury (1) 1 (Beamish (pen))  
Wimbledon (1) 2 (Leslie, Ketteridge) 2,790

Carlisle (0) 2 (Bonnyman, Beardsley)  
Chester (0) 2 (Jones, Raynor (pen)) 4,324

Chesterfield (2) 2 (Walker, Crawford)  
Sheff Wed (1) 1 (Smith (pen)) 14,950

Colchester (0) 0  
Barnsley (0) 0 3,376

Gillingham (1) 1 (Funnell)  
Exeter (0) 0 7,538

Millwall (2) 3 (Lyons, Chatterton 2 (1 pen))  
Hull (2) 2 (Tait, Phillips) 6,001

Plymouth (2) 2 (Binney 2)  
Blackpool (1) 2 (Kellow, Jones) 5,693

Reading (1) 1 (Earles)  
Mansfield (0) 0 5,878

Coventry (1) 1 (Wallace)  
Tottenham (0) 1 (Jones) 20,125

C. Palace (3) 4 (Swindlehurst, Hinshelwood, Francis (pen), Cannon)  
Ipswich (1) 1 (Gates) 29,885

Everton (0) 0  
Bristol C (0) 0 24,733

Leeds (0) 1 (Hankin)  
Man City (0) 2 (Power, Deyna) 29,592

Man Utd (1) 4 (Wilkins, McQueen 2, McIlroy)  
Stoke (0) 0 52,357

Middlesbro (0) 0  
Aston Villa (0) 0 16,017

Norwich (0) 2 (Fashanu, Peters)  
Bolton (0) 1 (Whatmore) 16,500

Nottm For (1) 1 (Birtles)  
Liverpool (0) 0 28,262

Southampton (1) 4 (Boyer 3 (1 pen), Channon)  
Derby (0) 0 22,583

West Brom (2) 2 (Robson, Brown, A.)  
Brighton (0) 2 (Poskett, O'Sullivan) 20,024





# SCORERS...GATES...

**Sheff Utd** (2) 3 (Bourne (pen), DeGoe, Matthews)  
**Oxford** (1) 1 (Graydon (pen)) 17,349

**Swindon** (1) 3 (McHale (pen), Carter, Mayes)  
**Grimsby** (0) 0 6,825

## Fourth Division

**Crewe** (1) 2 (Chesters, Coyne)  
**Northampton** (0) 1 (Wallock) 1,909

**Halifax** (0) 2 (Mountford, Dunleavy)  
**Hartlepool** (0) 1 (Newton) 2,293

**Newport** (0) 1 (Guest (o.g.))  
**Lincoln** (0) 1 (Harford) 4,035

**Peterborough** (1) 2 (Kellock (pen), Chard)  
**Hereford** (0) 0 4,051

**Portsmouth** (2) 5 (Aizelwood, Brisley, Garwood 2 (pens), Laidlaw)  
**York** (1) 2 (Lorimer, Kay) 14,917

**Port Vale** (1) 5 (Wright 2, Owen, Farrell 2)  
**Rochdale** (1) 1 (Esser) 2,835

**Torquay** (2) 4 (Cooper 3, Lawrence)  
**Darlington** (0) 0 2,805

**Walsall** (1) 1 (Buckley)  
**Aldershot** (1) 1 (Dungworth) 5,137

**Wigan** (1) 4 (Moore, Gore, Hinnigan, Houghton)  
**Bradford** (1) 1 (Staniforth) 8,009

## Scottish Premier

**Celtic** (2) 3 (MacLeod, MacDonald, McAdam)  
**St. Mirren** (0) 1 (Stark) 30,000

**Dundee** (0) 0  
**Aberdeen** (2) 4 (Jarvie 2, Harper, Archibald) 11,817

**Kilmarnock** (1) 2 (Clark, Cairney)  
**Rangers** (0) 1 (Johnstone) 14,000

**Morton** (0) 4 (Ritchie 3, Scott)  
**Dundee United** (0) 1 (Pettigrew) 8,500

**Partick** (1) 2 (McAdam, Melrose)  
**Hibs** (0) 1 (Campbell (o.g.)) 5,000

## Scottish First

**Airdrie** (3) 5 (McKeown, Gordon, Clarke, McGuire, Lapsley)  
**Dunfermline** (1) 1 (McNaughton) 2,000

**Berwick** (3) 7 (Morton 3 (1 pen), Tait 2, Newman, McCaffery)  
**Arbroath** (1) 2 (Mylles, Kidd (pen)) 1,136

Paul Hinshelwood stoops to head Crystal Palace's second goal in their 4-1 win v. Stoke at Selhurst Park.

**Clydebank** (0) 1 (Ronal)  
**St. Johnstone** (0) 2 (Brogan, Goldthorp) 1,000

**Hearts** (3) 4 (Fraser 2, Gibson 2 (1 pen))  
**Clyde** (0) 1 (Dolan) 6,000

**Motherwell** (2) 3 (Irvine, Clinging, McLaughlin)  
**Dumbarton** (0) 0 3,500

**Raith** (0) 2 (Miller, Ford)  
**Ayr** (1) 2 (Frye 2) 3,000

**Stirling** (2) 2 (Kennedy, A. 2)  
**Hamilton** (1) 2 (Graham, McQuade (pen)) 1,200



Walsall's Alan Buckley.

## Scottish Second

**Albion** (0) 1 (Coyle)  
**Stenhousemuir** (0) 2 (Neikle (o.g.), Brisbane) 300

**Cowdenbeath** (0) 1 (Moffatt)  
**Queen's Park** (0) 0 700

**East Stirling** (2) 3 (Grant 2, McCormack)  
**Stranraer** (1) 1 (Robertson (o.g.)) 300

**Forfar** (0) 0  
**Alloa** (0) 2 (Holt, Ferguson) 1,200

**Meadowbank** (0) 0  
**Falkirk** (1) 3 (Leetion 2, McCallan) 800

**Montrose** (1) 1 (Oliver)  
**East Fife** (0) 1 (Dickson) 900

**Queen of South** (0) 1 (Alexander)  
**Brechin** (1) 1 (Campbell, I (pen)) 750

*There were no League of Ireland games this weekend because of the Pope's visit.*

## Monday, October 1

### Football League Cup

(Third Round replay)

**Southend** (0) 0  
**West Ham** (0) 0 a.e.t. 22,497

### Third Division

**Mansfield** (0) 0  
**Colchester** (0) 1 (Lee) 3,500

## Tuesday, October 2

### U.E.F.A. CUP

(First Round, second-leg)

**Anderlecht** (1) 1 (Nielsen)  
**Dundee United** (0) 1 (Kopel) 25,000

### Football League Cup

(Third Round replays)

**Bristol C** (2) 4 (Jantunen, Royle 2, Mabbutt)  
**Peterborough** (0) 0 9,125

**Swindon** (1) 2 (McHale, Mayes)  
**Stoke** (0) 1 (Chapman) 15,823

**Wimbledon** (0) 1 (Leslie)  
**Plymouth** (0) 0 a.e.t. 5,200



Alan Mullery's (right) other team of Ron Pavey (centre) and Tony Millard.

## The Goldstone Goldrush

AS Brighton battle to win praise and points in their first season of First Division football, Alan Mullery's other team are already top of their League! When it comes to making money for the club, commercial manager, Ron Pavey, and promotions expert, Tony Millard, have started a Goldstone Goldrush!

This year, the Seagulls' financial team look set to earn £600,000 from lotteries, promotions, club shop sales, programmes, ground advertising and TV fees. And that puts them above huge clubs like Arsenal, in the money game.

"You've got to have it," says manager Alan Mullery, "because you can't get your revenue back through the gate. We were averaging gates of around 22,000 at home last season. Now, that will pay people's wages, but it won't put any money in the bank for you. So the commercial side is very important."

"For example, we have match ball sponsors for every League match. We'll use 21 in a season and each ball costs about £35. If we had to pay for them, it would be expensive over a full season. It's the same with boots. We're sponsored by Puma. They supply us with about 250 pairs a year. That's a big saving too."

### Arrival

Mullery has seen Pavey and, more recently, Millard make great steps, since his arrival at the Goldstone in July, 1976.

"At that time, the club was taking around £800 a week, from all sources. Now, it's over £500,000 a year. So what they've done on the commercial side has been fantastic. Alright, our success on the field has been a help and people don't really want to advertise and bring money into a club if it's not doing well. But they've put in a lot of hard work."

"Basically, they're trying to help me. If they can bring money into the club, and I need it to buy new players, it's a boost for me. Since I've been here we've had a new pitch, built a new stand and spent £1,250,000 on players. There's no way we could have done these things without the commercial side."

One of the biggest money-spinners at Brighton is the lottery

system. The club runs two weekly lotteries and these produce a yearly profit in the region of £250,000. Ron Pavey is the mastermind behind this area of big business. When he joined the club, five years ago, as commercial manager, Brighton were £200,000 in the red. Things have changed a little since then!

"I think we compare quite well with the bigger clubs in the First Division," says Ron. "We've made quite a lot of progress and we're learning all the time. Being a small club helps us in a way. There's more of a family atmosphere here. We've got a good team, working closely together."

"Everyone who's involved wants to do their best, because at heart, we're all Brighton fans! And if we do a good job on the commercial side, we know it can only help the team."

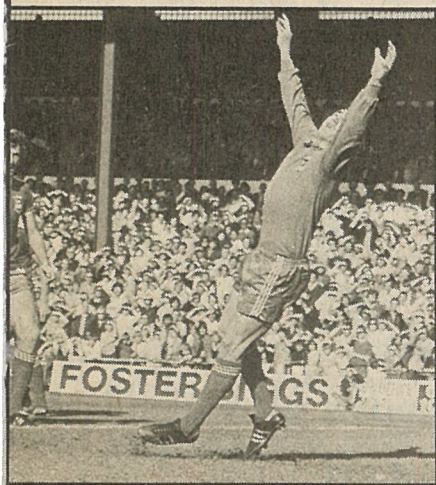
### 'Involved'

Tony Millard echoes that brand of positive thought. "Everyone knows football must be commercial to survive. All of us involved in the game love it. We all know football is the number one. But we also know it needs financial support and every aspect must be explored. There's no doubt about that."

"People who suggest the game has become too commercial are burying their heads in the sand. The way we look at it, we need the support of companies outside the club and we intend to give them value for money. As far as we're concerned, you've got to ride with the times."

Brighton toured America last summer. Like most lovers of the game, Mullery was irritated by the commercial circus that surrounds every match in the States. He knows British fans don't want their Saturday afternoons dressed up in gimmicks and candy floss. But Brighton are proving to the soccer world that it is possible to milk the commercial possibilities, without any loss of dignity or pride.

"Before I came here, I can remember reading about the Brighton manager, Pat Saward, going along the seafront with a box, collecting for the Save Brighton Fund," said Mullery, finally. "We've certainly come a long way since then."





# 'IT'S WIN-



Gordon just fails to connect with a cross for Scotland against Peru recently.

**I**F SCOTLAND play as well against Austria at Hampden in our vital European Championship tie next week as we did in the friendly with Peru last month, then we should win and keep our hopes of qualifying for the final stages in Rome alive.

The only disappointing thing about our performance against Peru was that we allowed them to equalise in the closing stages with their first shot of the game.

It was a strange situation. For the first time in my international career everyone seemed happy with the way Scotland played.

The fans cheered us... the Press wrote good stories about the team... the players were pleased with their performances... and manager Jock Stein praised us, especially Kenny Dalglish.

He was magic and gave perhaps the best display in a Scotland shirt.

It's unfortunate Austrian manager Karl Stotz was at the game to see Kenny. Now he will be making special plans to stop him turning it on



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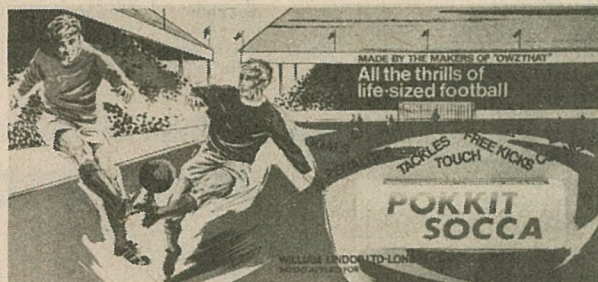
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# OR-BUST FOR SCOTLAND'

again next week.

Although I can't see Jock Stein making many changes to the squad that was selected for the Peru game, he could well bring in Andy Gray and Martin Buchan.

Andy has gained a lot of support from the Scottish Press and he'll obviously be a tremendous asset.

Goals were all that was lacking against Peru. Honestly, if Scotland had gone in at half-time five nil up we wouldn't have been flattered.

Martin, my skipper at United, has been playing so well this season and must soon come back into the international reckoning.

Martin was hurt after the Cup Final and missed the British Championship and European Championship ties. But for that injury I'm sure he would be in the side.

Scotland need all our best players if we are to beat Austria and then go on to qualify for Rome.

## Still hope

I realise it's going to be very tough and we've left ourselves a hell of a lot of catching up to do, but none of us have given up hope.

Scotland have three home matches left . . . against Austria, Portugal and Belgium and one away v. Belgium.

If we win our three ties at Hampden and then pick up a point in Belgium then we could just do it.

Austria are the best side in our Group, but I reckon Portugal must be slight favourites to go through because they beat Austria away.

The pressure has already built up in the Scotland camp for our game next Wednesday.

We know it's win-or-bust. A draw will be the same as a defeat for Scotland.

This situation doesn't help a team's game much because you tend to get a desperate feeling . . . afraid of making a mistake.

But Jock Stein has developed an air of confidence in the squad. He's definitely building for the future, beyond Rome. The Big Man's eyes are on Spain and the 1982 World Cup Finals . . . that's his real goal.

The memory of Argentina and Scotland's flop are still in many people's minds. A disaster like that isn't easily forgotten.

But he's almost completely changed the squad that travelled to



MY SOCCER  
WORLD  
**Gordon  
McQueen**

Argentina. I believe there are only four or five survivors.

Austria returned from the 1978 World Cup Finals as heroes, having topped their first stage group against such opponents as Brazil, Spain and Sweden and beating West Germany 3-2 in the second stage.

Then they wiped the floor with Scotland in the European Championship in Vienna last year.

Roaring into a three goal lead, Austria suddenly eased up and revealed their vulnerable defence.

In the last quarter of an hour Scotland staged one of the most sensational comebacks of the tournament.

We swarmed all over Austria and scored twice. I got the first with a diving header . . . Andy Gray the second with another header after my effort had been cleared off the

line.

Scotland launched wave after wave of attacks but somehow the Austrians held out.

England also proved you can score goals against Austria during their summer tour.

Ron Greenwood's men lost 4-3, but it was a breathtaking defeat against a side that just had enough in reserve to score a devastating fourth goal.

Bruno Pezzey, Austria's answer to Franz Beckenbauer, scored against England, and Scotland.

He's a tremendous player and will be one to watch out for at Hampden.

Two others I particularly respect are Hans Krankl who now plays for Barcelona and midfielder Herbert Prohaska.

Over the last few years Austria have emerged from the ranks of the world's lesser soccer nations to one almost as powerful as her illustrious neighbours West Germany.

## A must

Scotland will need to be at their best against them next week. But we will . . . WE MUST!

Bruno Pezzey (right) is a goalscoring defender and must be closely watched at Hampden.



Before I report to Scotland's training headquarters I travel with Manchester United to play Bristol City at Ashton Gate this Saturday (October 13th).

It's a journey and a venue I never look forward to. No disrespect to City, but there never seems to be much of atmosphere at Ashton Gate and as a result games are rarely exciting.

Mind you, having said that I did score in United's 2-1 victory at City last season. Young Andy Ritchie got our second.

But I should add they won 3-1 at Old Trafford last term.

Although City are difficult to beat on their own patch I must take United to gain some revenge for that defeat and repeat our victory of last season.

Look forward to seeing you all next time . . .

*Gordon McQueen*

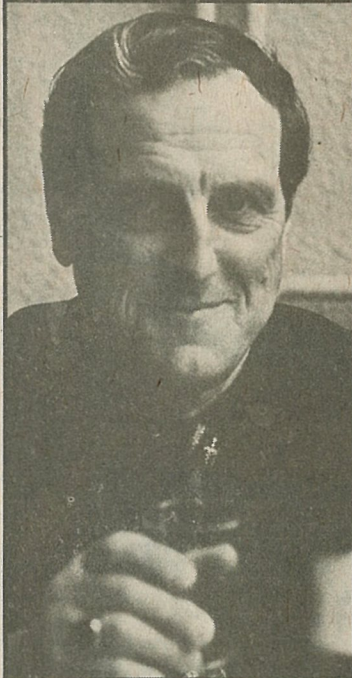


## WORLD WIDE



compiled by  
CHRIS DAVIES

SWEDISH national team chief Georg Ericson (below) has decided to retire after leading Sweden to the final stages of three World Cups. From January 1st the new boss will be 43-year-old Lars Arnesson who led IFK Öster (Växjö) to the 1978 Championship.



# ANOTHER BRITISH CLASH IN 1982 WORLD CUP?



Wales v. Scotland at Anfield in World Cup qualifying action, 1977.



THE Organising Committee of the 1982 World Cup meets in Zurich on October 13th to decide the plan for the qualifying draw, which takes place the following day. Whatever their final decision, it will surely meet criticism as the very make-up of the Spain-based Finals, with 24 countries, presents problems.

One hundred and three nations will be competing for the 22 places; hosts Spain and holders Argentina qualify automatically, of course.

There are 32 European qualifying teams and FIFA must come up with a method that ensures we don't have strong nations in one

group, while a weaker nation has an easier ride in another. We must not have a clash such as Italy/England again, although I fear there could be a British pairing.

It is no secret that many people feel it wrong that four Home countries could qualify and just as Scotland and Wales met last time, we may see a similar draw this time.

Europe will have 14 Finalists, which means 13 qualifiers from the matches to be played between November 1st, 1979 and November 30th, 1981.

How FIFA will sort it all out I don't know. They could have five groups of six, with two qualifying, and one of two, with the winner

going through. It does appear that teams will have more ties than usual to play.

In the past, the Finalists from the previous tournament have been seeded, but again, FIFA may have to change the system.

Here are the European teams competing for those 13 places in Spain: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Greece, East Germany, West Germany, Eire, Iceland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Luxembourg, Malta, Holland, Norway, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, USSR, Hungary, Turkey, Wales, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Czechoslovakia.

## GOALIE SCORES

WERDER Bremen goalkeeper Dieter Burdenski scored a goal from a penalty in the game against VfB Stuttgart. VfB were leading 2-1 and Werder had already missed a spot-kick. However, it wasn't a happy ending for Burdenski; in the last minute he conceded a soft goal and VfB won 3-2. For the record, it was the third goal by a goalkeeper in the Bundesliga's 16-year history. The previous two goalkeeper-scorers were Manfred Maglitz (MSV Duisburg) and Volkmar Gross (Tennis Borussia Berlin).

Still in West Germany, Hamburger SV's 3-0 defeat in Duisburg was only their first away loss in 18 months.

And good news for the national team. I understand Bayern Munich's Paul Breitner has settled his differences with the authorities and will play for his country again.

THIS is Bum Kun Tscha and his family. Tscha-bum, as he has been musically nicknamed, was born in Seoul and is the first Korean to play in the West German Bundesliga. A striker, he is 26-years-old and had a spell with Darmstadt 98 last season before joining Eintracht Frankfurt. He has 141 caps for the Republic of Korea.

## News flashes

Percy Rojas of Peru is being treated by a psychologist to recover his form after poor performances for his club Sporting Cristal.

IFC Cologne have installed a sauna bath at their training camp, but coach Hennes Weisweiler never uses it. Asked why not, he replied that he had a big swimming pool in his garden, swam every day regardless of the weather, but just did not fancy a sauna and at 59 he was not going to change his habits!

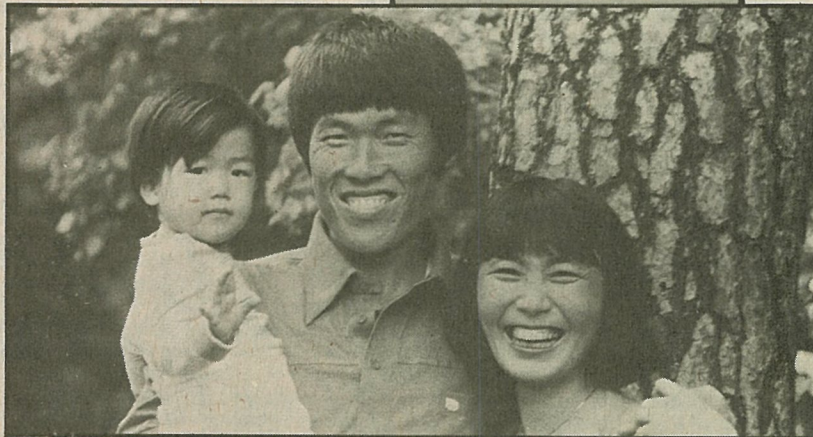
AGAINST all the principles that have dominated Italian football for at least 30 years, the Torino players will not be "concentrated" in a hotel this season. Their conjugal rights on the evenings before matches have been restored, on the advice of the club psychiatrist.

WEST Germany manager Jupp Derwall wants a meeting with F.A. officials to suggest that all clubs offer their national team players long-term contracts. Derwall is worried about the

lure of the lire as Italy re-opens her borders next year.

EAST Germany recently turned out their Under-21 team to draw 1-1 with touring North Korea. Manager of North Korea was Pak Do Ik, an inside-left who starred for his country in the 1966 World Cup in England and scored that memorable goal against Italy.

THE Spanish authorities have ruled that the country's 180 Second and Third Division teams must begin each game with at least two players aged under 20 in their line-up. Several managers are so disgusted with this interference in their team selection that they've been sticking to the letter of the new law — fielding two under-20s in the initial line-up ... and substituting them after 30 seconds of play.



## BOTTLE HITS REF

IN the sixth round of League matches in Yugoslavia, Zeljeznicar, at home to Red Star Belgrade, missed a penalty and the disgusted fans hurled bottles, seat cushions and all kinds of rubbish on to the pitch. A bottle hit the referee and the game was held up for ten minutes.

After the match, which Zeljeznicar lost 1-3, the home club lodged a complaint with the F.A. hoping for a replay.

But under the rules which lay down that the home side are responsible for crowd behaviour the F.A. are more likely to make the result a statutory 3-0 win for Red Star.





THE place Buenos Aires. The date: September, 1979. Fans take to the street to celebrate another World Cup triumph. This time, the Argentines were celebrating victory in the Junior World Cup held in Japan, which César Menotti's side won easily. Expect three or four of the youngsters — including the already-famous Diego Maradona — to break through into the senior squad by 1982.

## SHAKE-UP IN ARGENTINA

**T**HERE'S been a historic move in Argentina, where star-studded Talleres de Córdoba have been invited by the Argentine F.A. to take part in next year's Metropolitan Championship. Up till now, this competition has been restricted to clubs from Buenos Aires and surrounding districts, with two Rosario clubs as the furthest-flung outposts.

The inclusion of provincial side Talleres has been officially justified by their excellent performances in the last two National Championships (Finalists in 1977 and Semi-Finalists in 1978) which have confirmed them as one of the country's top sides.

At the same time, Talleres have a squad packed with crowd-pulling internationals such as Tarantini, Oviedo, Reinaldo Valencia, Galván, Ocaño and Bravo, so the Buenos Aires sides are well pleased with the prospect of good gate receipts that will more than compensate for the long trek out to Córdoba.

The decision to include Talleres in the Metro opens the gate for other provincial sides and could be the vital first step towards a genuinely national League Championship. It seems incredible that the World Champions haven't got one!

River Plate comfortably won the 1979 Metropolitan title by beating surprise Finalists Velez Sarsfield 7-1 on aggregate. River have always had outstanding individuals, such as Fillol, Passarella, Luque and Alonso, but this time they managed to mix some solid team effort with the individual inspiration and impressively beat Velez 2-0 in the first leg, then followed this up with a 5-1 win in the Monumental Stadium to clinch the club's 16th League title.

## COSTLY PLAYER

**T**HIS time last year, Betis were causing a stir in Spain by snapping up 28-year-old Argentinian international Mario Killer... while he was still under contract to Sporting Gijón. Betis were so keen to have the full-back that they undertook a costly legal battle, and finally proved their case that the signing was "legal".

A year later, Betis have been promoted back to the First Division and promptly signed another foreign player (Portuguese midfielder Oliveira) — which means that under Spain's new regulations on foreigners, Killer is "surplus to requirements" in the Seville side.

Betis will therefore have to fork out £56,000 in compensation for the breaking of Killer's contract, which will take their total outlay on the Argentinian to £150,000 for one season's work.

**AS SHOOT** celebrates its tenth anniversary, our Danish counterparts *Alt om Sport* have money trouble. Top club KB of Copenhagen tried to help the magazine and their players have appeared in advertisements free of charge promoting the publication.

**T**HE professional football players in Brazil are starting to complain that there are too many games which does not allow them time to train, rest or prepare properly. Take for instance the Flamengo Club of Rio; up to 1st September (starting on 1st February) they had already played a total of 63 matches.

The average São Paulo professional has more or less the following schedule for a week: — Sunday — match; Monday — day off (when all personal problems have to be taken care of); Tuesday — 9 to 11a.m. medical revision, physical training, 11-12 lunch, 12-2p.m. rest, 2-5p.m. training, 7p.m. concentration in a hotel or farm (if it is an away game he faces a trip of two to five hours of travelling); Wednesday — match day; Thursday — if previous day's game was away travel home, if home game: 9-11a.m. medical revision, rest of the day's programme same as Tuesday's; Friday — 9a.m. tactical training, p.m. training match; Saturday — 9a.m. physical training and ball work, p.m. rest and ball work; Sunday — match.

The law in Brazil states there must be an interval of at least 60 hours between matches but does not take into account training etc. Palhinha, the President of the São Paulo Players' Union, is considering banning his members playing twice a week for eleven months of the year reducing this to one match every seven days.

## Good — but not good enough

**T**HE Dutch season was just four League games old when Ajax fired coach Cor Brom... and the statement by the club president is worth reading: "He was fired because of inadequate abilities although he is a very good coach. Not good enough for Ajax, though."

This is surprising as Brom led the Amsterdammers to the first Double in years last season and there was no mention of his "inadequacies" then.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT KEEGAN



**E**VEN though Hamburger SV have, once again, led the Bundesliga, Kevin Keegan has come in for a certain amount of criticism. He is in danger of becoming TOO big a personality and some resentment seems to be creeping into the HSV camp.

"Mighty Mouse" had a slow start to the campaign. He was injured pre-season and did not go to South Korea with the rest of the team as his daughter Laura Jane was ill. However, she recovered quickly and there was a murmur in the squad that Kevin could have flown out to endure the "same lousy facilities as the rest of us". The Korean hotels and food were not too good.

Then there were reports that KK had signed a provisional contract with the Washington Diplomats. Keegan, 28, was to have played for them this summer, but when he discovered he would then not be eligible for the opening rounds of the European Cup, the offer was declined.

## Nasty

Kevin is now back in the HSV team and while he is producing the goods, it is hard to criticise him. That doesn't stop some nasty things being said "behind closed doors".

For instance, the HSV players feel Kevin devotes too much time to business and outside interests. They are worried this will affect his form.

Kevin didn't show up at the airport for the "welcome home from Korea" and someone remarked that he was "probably at another autograph-hour".

Keegan is on the mark for HSV during the 3-0 win against Duisburg last season.

Another time, coach Zebec ordered his players to rest, but Kevin and general manager Gunter Netzer left for a phone-in show.

After all is said and done, though, nobody would dispute that Kevin is a world-class player and, up to now, has managed to burn the candle at both ends. An indication of his popularity is that when HSV played a friendly against Ajax, the England star was injured... so the Dutch club dropped the guaranteed payment by £2,500.

So far, HSV fans haven't seen the Keegan of last year, although his thigh injury has restricted him. It was unfortunate that his first full game of 1979-80 was HSV's first defeat, 3-0 against MSV Duisburg.

Hamburger SV are not a well-off club and need an average attendance of 42,000 to break even. To say it is vital they have a good run in the European Cup is an understatement... and the man they'll look to for inspiration is the non-stop Kevin Keegan.



Duisburg reversed the score this time. Here, Kempe scores their second.

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1 Bor. Dortmund	7	5	1	1	17-9	11
2 Eintr. Frankfurt	7	5	—	2	14-7	10
3 VfB Stuttgart	7	4	2	1	13-7	10
4 Hamburger SV	7	4	1	2	15-8	9
5 Bayern Munich	7	3	3	1	10-7	9
6 1.FC Cologne	7	3	2	2	16-10	8
7 Bayer Uerdingen	7	4	—	3	8-8	8
8 1.FC Kaiserslaut.	7	3	1	3	14-11	7
9 MSV Duisburg	7	3	1	3	12-12	7
10 Schalke 04	7	2	3	2	9-9	7
11 Werder Bremen	7	3	1	3	10-14	7
12 Mönchengladbach	7	2	2	3	12-12	6
13 Bayer Leverkusen	7	2	2	3	8-15	6
14 Fort. Düsseldorf	7	2	1	4	14-17	5
15 1860 München	7	2	1	4	7-11	5
16 VfL Bochum	7	1	2	4	4-9	4
17 Hertha BSC	7	1	2	4	7-13	4
18 E. Braunschweig	7	1	1	5	6-17	3





# YOU ARE THE REF

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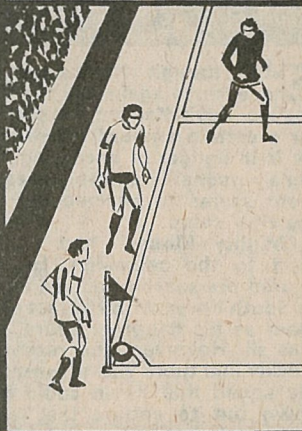
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A player refuses to remove a wristband which you consider dangerous. He is then sent-off. If you stopped play for this action should you restart with: (a) a direct kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a drop ball?



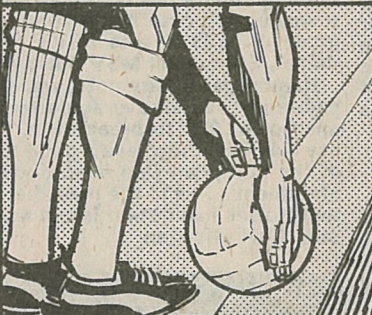
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Before a corner-kick is taken an attacker moves over the goal-line to avoid a close marking defender. Should you: (a) take no action, (b) caution him after the kick or (c) insist he returns before the kick?



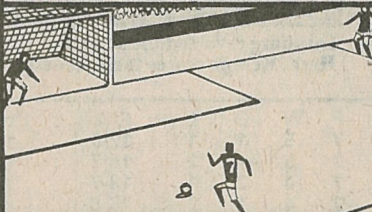
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A player picks up the ball when two-thirds of it has rolled over the touch-line. Should you award: (a) a throw-in, (b) drop the ball on the line, or (c) a direct free-kick?



4

An attacker takes up an offside position outside the penalty-area before a spot-kick is taken. Should you: (a) allow the kicker to remain there or (b) award a free-kick against the kicker for offside?



5

An attacking player shoots for goal but the ball hits the stanchion which is connected to the post and rebounds into play. Should you award a goal?



## ANSWERS

1 An indirect free-kick (b). 2 Insist he returns before the kick (c). 3 A direct free-kick (c). 4 Allow the kicker to remain there (a). 5 No. At a friendly match between Cardiff City and Wolves at Ninian Park the same thing happened with Cardiff players appealing for a goal. As I was in no position to give either way, my linesman was on the goal-line and stated that the ball had not gone over the line although it hit the stanchion. Emyln Hughes, who was playing for Wolves, said it definitely did not go over the line. The following day the Welsh papers said I had made a mistake and should have allowed the goal.

# GOAL LINES

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This week's Star Letter is from Tony Machon of Denmark who, like all overseas readers who have a letter published, wins a special SHOOT T-shirt.

Although Results... Scorers... Gates... is a good substitute, I wish you would publish the teams again. Any chance?

KELVIN PUGH, DORSET

## ENGLISH SPORTSMANSHIP? IT'S INDECENT!

★ I WOULD like very much to hear your opinion of the following regrettable incident, which took place during the England v. Denmark game.

I have always been a keen admirer of English football and watch a lot of League matches, which can be seen on Danish TV every Saturday during the winter season.

Along with some 4,000 other fans I took the trip to London to experience the outstanding atmosphere at Wembley and to watch our own heroes play England at "The Mecca of Football", and truly it was a marvellous thrill to be there, and we managed to make ourselves heard once in a while.

But, alas, we are taken back to the harsh reality, when the band started playing our national anthem. Like the English we, too, possess a great deal of national enthusiasm, but the English crowd spoiled our anthem completely by booing and yelling.

Now, to me, this seemed to be the height of impudence, and I wonder, if this misbehaviour is typical for an English audience. Does this indecency take place every time a foreign country is playing at Wembley? If so, I must say, that there's a severe defect in the highly-praised English sportsmanship. Indeed, I felt it to be a blow below the belt.

You can count yourselves lucky to have some outstanding players, who can restore the goodwill, which the crowd is doing their best to destroy. Take Kevin Keegan, for instance, who in my opinion is absolutely second to none, not only in Europe, but on a world basis as well. The audience ought to learn a great deal from the behaviour of this gentleman of the game.

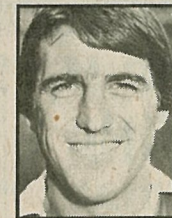
● My view is that while Ron Greenwood's exciting England team do so much to repair their international image ON the field, some senseless supporters seem to do their best OFF of it to give the country a bad name. I've never heard any fans, other than British ones, abuse the national anthem of other countries and this is a constant embarrassment to the majority of true fans.

## Missing Line-ups

I read SHOOT regularly and thoroughly enjoy your excellent magazine. But I have one criticism — why don't you print the line-ups any more?

● Due to circumstances beyond our control we have been unable to include the line-ups so far this season. Should the situation change we will restore the feature as soon as possible.

## Camera-shy



LOOKING at your colour team-group of Everton, I noticed that out of 24 players, three weren't looking at the camera, having their heads

turned. Those three players have either left Everton or have been in dispute (Colin Todd, Mike Pejic and Bob Latchford, above).

A coincidence?

MARK WILLIAMS, LIVERPOOL

● Maybe they just didn't know which way to go...

## Pen-Pal

ARE you a Leeds United supporter? If the answer's "yes", please contact me and you'll find a friend to write to.

JOSE ALBERTO V. R. FERNANDES, AV. 25 DE ABRIL, 272, 4420 GONDOMAR, PORTUGAL.

## Molineux Miracle

AS a regular at Molineux, I'd like to say on behalf of all Wolves fans a big welcome to Andy Gray. After only a handful of games, in which he has scored several goals, he has made an enormous difference to the side.

Congratulations, also, to manager John Barnwell for what he has so far achieved — let's hope it won't be too long before Wolves are winning something again.

SALLY EVANS, ALBRIGHTON.



● Considering that a year or so ago Wolves were "certainties" for Division Two, Barnwell (right) and his assistant Richie Barker have worked a small miracle. We're also glad to see our columnist back in the limelight after so much bad luck.




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HEIGHT: 6ft  
WEIGHT: 11st 10lbs  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None  
MARRIED: No  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Norman Hunter  
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester City

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS: Andy Gray and Terry Venables in five-a-sides  
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our last game of last season against Burnley  
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning promotion to the First Division in the above game  
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: My pay rise  
BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: America and Sweden

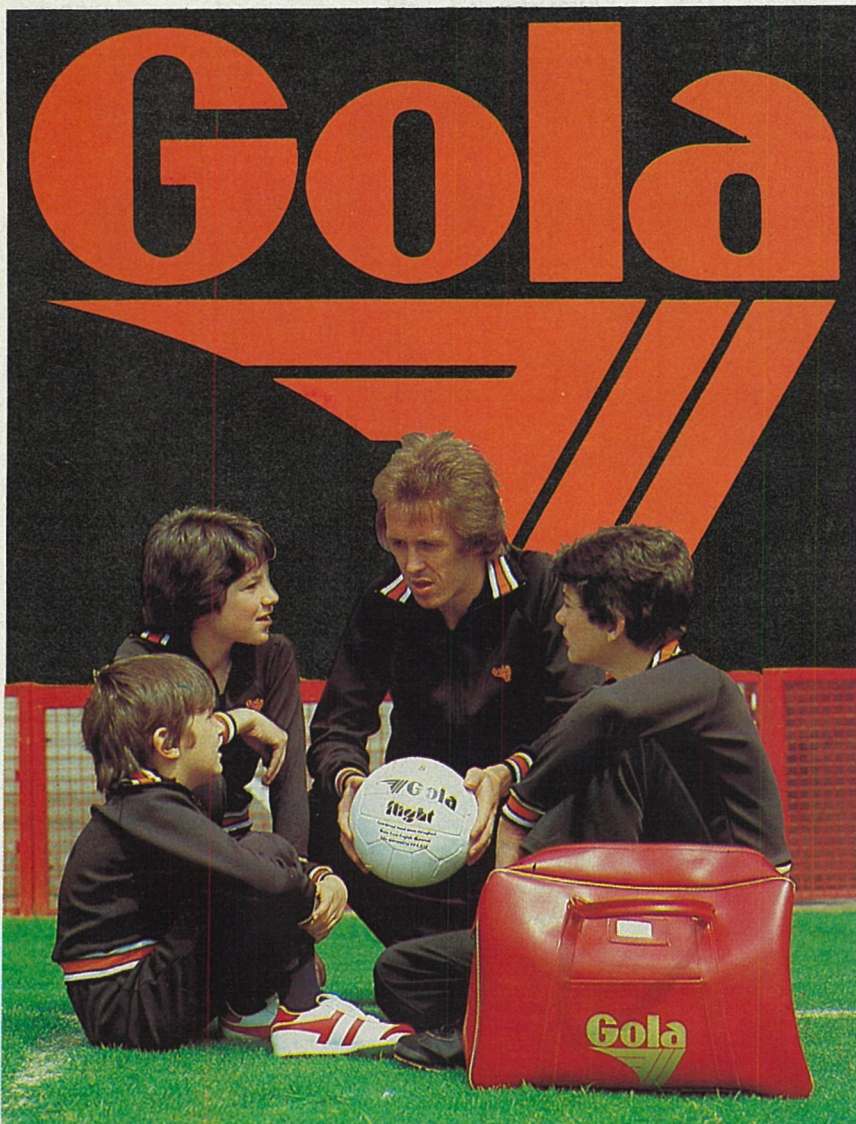
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and my mum's Sunday dinner  
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf and tennis  
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling and lazy barmaids  
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Rockford Files, Porridge and The Morecambe and Wise Show  
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Sex Pistols and Van Morrison  
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood and Humphrey Bogart  
BEST FRIENDS: I've many close friends  
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Allan Harris, John Cartwright and Terry Venables  
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Bad referees and linesmen  
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 caps  
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and rich  
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play at every level for England  
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A poet  
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Clint Eastwood

*B. Gilbert*



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# PANCHO BACK ON THE GOAL TRAIL



**T**HE WANTED signs were there for everyone to see. With the departure of 'Pop' Robson to Sunderland, West Ham were in the market for a top-class, goal-tootin' replacement to fire this season's assault on promotion back to Division One.

The man to answer their call was Stuart 'Pancho' Pearson. And with a £220,000 price on his head, he boarded the stage which took him from Manchester United to West Ham, last August.

Now 'Pancho' has his sights fixed firmly on scoring goals regularly for The Hammers, and in the process, he aims to shoot down all those vicious rumours that circulated, about his career being over.

"It really annoyed me to hear people saying I was finished because of the trouble I'd had with my right knee last season. Implying that West Ham had wasted their money," he said.

"Obviously, those so-called experts hadn't bothered to come to me and ask for the full story, like you have, otherwise they'd have known better.

"The truth is, I should have had a cartilage operation during the summer of last year. But the decision to send me to hospital was delayed until the start of the season. That, in itself, meant I was bound to miss more games than was originally necessary.

"Anyway, a fortnight after the operation, and just when I thought things were going well, I was rushed back to hospital for an emergency operation, because a blood clot had developed.

"That was a bitter blow. But I fought my way back, through long, lonely training sessions, and finally made my return to the first team in a Fourth Round F.A. Cup-tie against Fulham, at Craven Cottage, at the end of January.

"Then during the game I took a knock on the knee, and it flared up.

"When I went back to the hospital they told me the trouble was that a small piece of cartilage had been left inside the knee. Which meant, before long, I was back on the operating table again.

"So, you see, the fact that I missed the entire season was hardly my fault at all."

Stuart did play for Manchester United on their close season tour, to prove that he had actually regained full fitness. And it was when he returned with the club from Germany, that West Ham manager John Lyall visited him to discuss a possible transfer.

"When I learnt that Dave Sexton was prepared to listen to offers for me, I didn't want to hang around where I wasn't wanted."

There were several other clubs interested in Pearson, but he had no hesitation at all in choosing to move to West Ham.

## 'Honest'

"John Lyall impressed me very much, not only with his straight, honest talking, but with the plans he had for the club. I agreed to join them straight away, even though it meant moving down a Division.

"The Hammers have always had a reputation for playing good football, and with players like Trevor Brooking, Phil Parkes, Billy Bonds, David Cross and Alan Devonshire, that obviously still stands.

"Since my own transfer, of course, the boss has added to the squad by signing Ray Stewart and Jimmy Neighbour, just as he told me he hoped to do. Now I firmly believe we're geared for success."

Stuart certainly has no illusions of an easy ride back to the top flight. He knows that it'll be a fight all the way.

Pearson admits he'll have his work cut-out to take over where Robson — a great favourite with the West Ham fans, as well as being a prolific goalscorer — left off.

"Just like Pop, I love to score goals. But I feel I've got more to offer the team than just that. I can also create chances for others with my strong running and power in the air."

One good omen the West Ham fans might like to be reminded of... When Stuart Pearson first signed for Manchester United, before the start of the 1974-75 season, they were also looking to get out of the Second Division. His 17 League goals that season left him as the side's top scorer, and put United firmly at the top of the Division, as Champions.

Can he repeat the success? Only time will tell.

# 'I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE SPURS'

says JOHN DUNCAN,  
who returns to  
White Hart Lane  
with Derby this  
Saturday (October 13th)

**J**OHAN Duncan returns to White Hart Lane this Saturday (October 13) as struggling Derby County aim to win a valuable point from the Londoners. And Duncan, the man who left Tottenham for the Baseball Ground, aims to score — "just to remind the old club that I could score a few in my time."

Jovial Duncan has an extra special reason for wanting to do well at the North London ground this Saturday. He explains: "We lost there 2-0 last season and it could have been so different. They were leading 1-0 when I missed a splendid chance of equalising. Mark Kendall made a good save and they went up the other end and scored again to tie it up. But if I'd put away that chance, it could have been different."

## 'A regular'

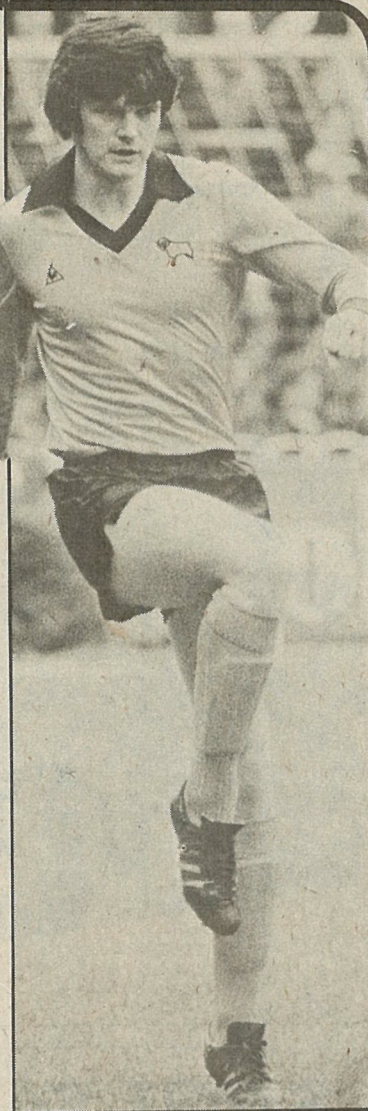
Duncan describes his stay at Tottenham as "fairly successful". He says: "We didn't win anything other than promotion but we did fairly well. I only left because I didn't think I would be a regular member of the first team for much longer.

"The manager couldn't say whether I would be in or not and so I felt I had to find somewhere that guaranteed my future to a certain extent.

"Apart from that, I didn't want to leave Spurs."

Duncan's departure was mourned by many Tottenham followers for the Scot had scored several crucial goals for the North Londoners. This season, especially, when Spurs were struggling to score enough goals and pack sufficient punch up-front, it wasn't hard to imagine Duncan doing the job for them.

But Duncan doesn't regret leaving. "You always wonder whether you might have done a certain job for your old club," he says. "But I had to get a guaranteed future and when Derby said they wanted me, I was happy to come here.



"I can't see Spurs struggling for long despite their uncertain start to the season. They have too many quality players within the club to be scraping around the relegation zone. I think once they get settled and solve some of the injury problems, they will climb right away from any danger. They are far too good to go down."

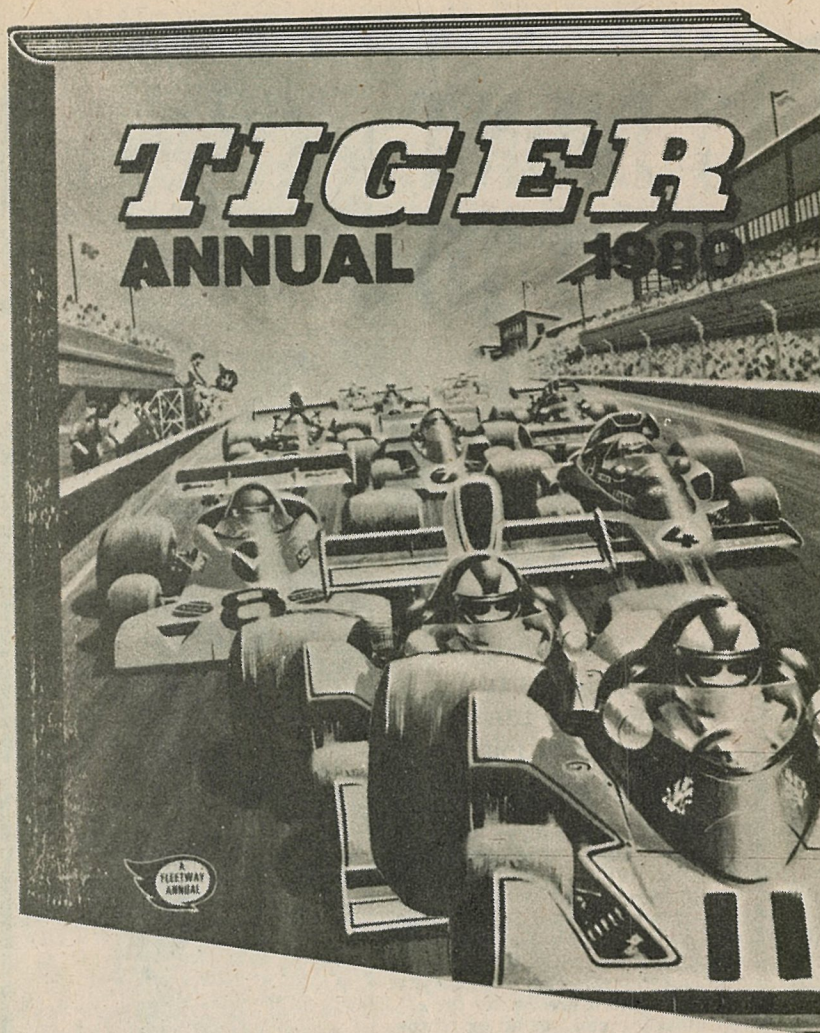
Duncan admits the aura of Tottenham is still something most clubs only dream of. "Their support is terrific and that's what creates that aura," he says. "Derby have some great spectators but there isn't the atmosphere created in the same way, as at White Hart Lane.

"I don't doubt Spurs have a good future ahead and good luck to them. Once all that ability is harnessed together, they will do well.

"As for Derby, the new management have lifted the club and although we have had some disappointing early results, we are all giving 100 per cent and are optimistic about the future.

"Last season was a great disappointment to everyone here and especially me. I felt I never did myself justice mainly because I was seldom fit. But I am now fully fit and hoping I can help Derby with plenty of goals. One or two against Tottenham at White Hart Lane, would be a very pleasant experience and that's what I shall be trying for."





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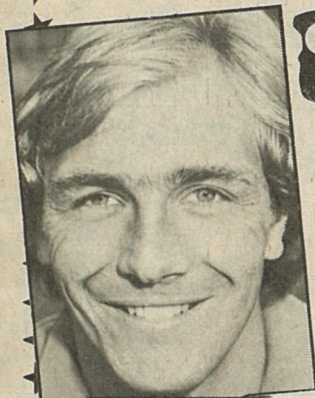
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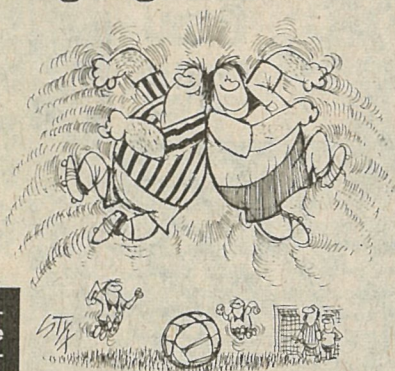
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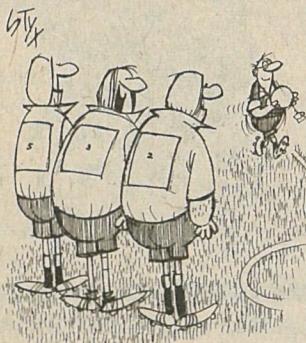
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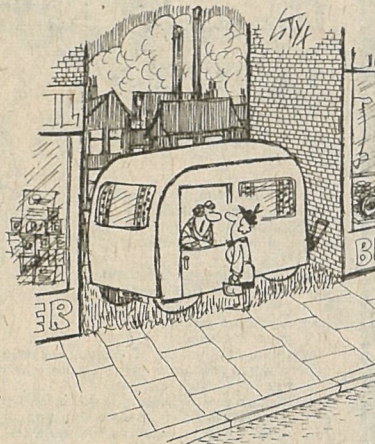
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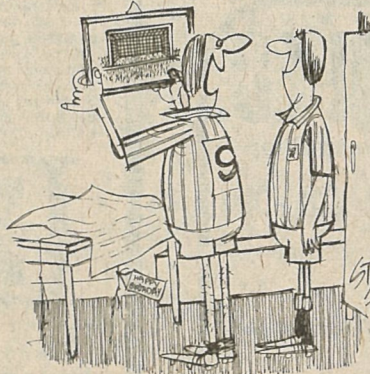
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## Liverpool's Alan Kennedy wants Success for Newcastle

LIVERPOOL to win the European Cup, Newcastle United to gain promotion. Anfield defender Alan Kennedy nurtures a dream that this will happen to the two Northern clubs in the near future.

It's hardly surprising that Kennedy feels this way. A favourite on Tyneside when he played for Newcastle, Alan is now firmly established at left-back for Liverpool, who paid £300,000 for his transfer from The Magpies in August, 1978.

The move from the North-East to Merseyside has proved beneficial in every way to a player noted for his commitment to the game.

But in spite of winning a League Championship medal last season at Anfield, where he has happily settled in, Kennedy still has time to follow the progress of his previous club and wish them well.

His knowledge of some of the players wearing a Newcastle shirt today prompts Alan to make an optimistic forecast about United's prospects in 1979-80.

He says: "Terry Hibbitt, David Barton and John Bird are all 100 per cent team men, who will fight hard to take Newcastle to a place among the leaders. The signing of Stuart Boam from Middlesbrough was a good move. He has the qualities to stiffen the defence, as well as strengthen the playing pool in the event of injuries."

"Up-front, Peter Withe and Alan Shoulder seem to be hitting it off, and this term the right sort of spirit is developing at St. James' Park."

Since he left Gallowgate for Anfield over a year ago, Kennedy has gradually adjusted to a life with the title-holders which has certain basic differences to the one he knew with Newcastle United.

"Two things have struck me forcibly at Liverpool, the sheer consistency of the side, and the terrific competition to win a regular place in it. I'm aware that if I'm injured, or left out of the line-up, regaining my position won't be easy."

"Financially, too, a player loses out if he is not in the first team, so the incentive is always there for him to be in tip-top shape."

"At Newcastle, consistency was an element we lacked in our game, but I'm glad to see United achieved this in the opening weeks of this season. On the training methods used, I found that Liverpool go in more for short sprints than the longer runs I used to do with Newcastle. Our coach, Ron Moran, above all, makes sure that we are never bored in any of our workouts."

"In my career so far, I've been lucky to have played in front of tremendous supporters on Tyneside and Merseyside."



"I know that attendances slumped drastically at Newcastle last term, 30,000 crowds at least will be a regular feature at St. James' Park if United can put together a string of winning results — which is what I also want Liverpool to do, so that we can take over our place at the head of the table again."

Alan, who has been capped at Under-23 level for England, and toured with the "B" team in New Zealand and the Far East in 1978, is modest when asked about hopes of a full England cap.

"Ron Greenwood has a settled team at the moment, and there are men like Kenny Sansom, Mick Mills, Trevor Cherry and Derek Statham available for selection. So I'll just keep on doing the best I can in the Liverpool back-four, which is a great experience for me."

"Emlyn Hughes, of course, has gone to Wolves, and it was good to play alongside him — he was a natural leader."

"Now that Phil Thompson has taken over as skipper, the extra responsibility seems to have made him an even better player."

"Phil and Alan Hansen are a really talented pair of centre-backs, with Alan an accomplished defender in the air and on the ground."

"Now, what I would like more than anything, is the chance to sample some matches against Continental teams. And a European Cup-winners' medal at the end of them."



# 'A GOAL FEAST AT

**T**HIRTEEN months ago I made my international comeback in a European Championship tie against Austria in Vienna. I'd been out of the Scotland team for a while, for one reason or another and I was delighted to return.

Since that autumn evening, I have played for Scotland just once more, in the following game against Norway at Hampden. Now, my fingers are crossed that once again I can make a comeback against Austria in the home leg of the European Championship clash.

I didn't expect to be called up against Peru last month. I'd only just returned to full training and the transfer problems with Villa were overshadowing everything else. In fact, had the Austria game come any sooner I probably wouldn't have had any chance, but things have gone well in my early days with Wolves, so you never know...

Pat Crerand, the former Celtic and Manchester United midfielder, now helping Jock Stein with scouting, saw me in action during my Molineux debut and scoring against Manchester United must have boosted my chances.

I wrote to Jock Stein last Spring telling him that I couldn't be con-

sidered for the summer matches due to a cartilage operation. I bumped into him not too long ago and he thanked me for letting him know and told me I was still in his future plans.

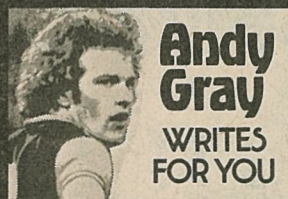
I was delighted to hit the headlines with my goalscoring start to my career with Wolves. Someone pointed out that it may not have been a good thing... that I was putting a lot of pressure on myself by setting such a high standard.

Well, that's the sort of pressure I relish and I'd rather have that than people saying "Andy Gray hasn't scored for Wolves yet".

No striker can score in every game, but that is my aim and if Wolves fans are disappointed if I don't knock one in, they're not alone!

I wasn't 100 per cent match fit during my initial games for Wolves. Full fitness is a gradual progression and I soon began to notice that not only did I feel sharper in games, I didn't feel so tired the next day, so my recovery period was quicker.

Apart from two points from Norwich on Saturday, my main aim is to play against Austria next Wednesday and help Scotland's European Championship bid.



**Andy Gray**  
WRITES  
FOR YOU

It isn't being unpatriotic when I say our chances of qualifying are slim. It's being realistic. Yet while there is hope, Scotland will be giving all we can and teams have produced shocks from "impossible" situations before.

We've got to win all our remaining games and hope Portugal slip up. Still, roared on by those marvellous Scottish supporters, the team will, as usual, give 100 per cent, whatever the odds may be.

I spoke to Asa Hartford when we played Everton and he told me how unlucky Scotland were against Peru last month. Asa reckoned we should have won after so much domination and the penalty miss was crucial as we'd have gone two-up.

Poor John Wark. That's the problem about being a penalty-taker. When you score, no one says "well



"I told Mr. Stein I wasn't available last summer."

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# HAMPDEN?'

done" because you're expected to. But when you miss . . .

I missed just one spot-kick for Villa, against Middlesbrough in one of the worst games I ever played in. Peter Daniel is the Wolves penalty expert. I'd be prepared to take one for Scotland because I thrive on such challenges.

Austria will be very difficult opponents. I remember them from Vienna and the side has changed very little. After seeing them beat England 4-3 this summer, my impression is that they are a better side going forward than defending.

Even when we were 3-0 down, I felt we could get back, which we did, with Gordon McQueen and myself scoring. We would have made it 3-3, but the 'keeper pulled off a couple of superb saves.

Against England, Austria looked extremely skilful in attack, with Kreuz, Prohaska, Welzl and the big defender Pezzey causing problems. Austria scored four goals against England, yet conceded three. I believe Kevin Keegan hit the post late in the game to nearly equalise 4-4.

The Austrians are always likely to score and concede a goal or two. When we played them, Arthur Graham came on as sub and turned his full-back inside out, creating numerous chances for us. They definitely appear vulnerable at the



"Willy Kreuz could prove a handful."

back against a winger.

Jock Stein seems to have the nucleus of the squad he is building for the 1982 World Cup and one of his shrewdest appointments was that of my former Dundee United manager Jim McLean as his Number Two.

I've spoken highly of Jim in previous columns and, naturally, I was delighted to hear of his new role. Jim is very highly regarded in Scotland, where his young Dundee United team won all the praise, if not the honours, last season.

Jim's appointment is a boost for Scottish football and my main hope is that he has the confidence to express himself in his new job.

While Mr. Stein is still very much the man in charge, he isn't a track-suit manager and I expect Jim will be with the players a lot. Scotland haven't had a REALLY good assistant-manager for ages and in Jim McLean they have someone who may even one day take over the top position. Continental countries operate this system of "grooming" a younger man; however, these are early days.

Another new appointment was that of Sandy Jardine as captain, a move which surprised me as Sandy has been out of the international scene for a couple of years or so.

I don't know the Rangers defender too well. Jock Stein is obviously aware of his qualities and I'm sure

the choice is a correct one.

When Sandy and Danny McGrain were Scotland's full-backs a few years ago, they were as good a pair as any country's.

It is vital that Scotland give their fans something to cheer about. It has been too long since Hampden had a night to excite everyone and both the players and supporters need this now.

Before Austria, though, it's Norwich and, like Wolves, The Canaries have been one of the teams to raise a few early season eyebrows.

I rate John Bond as a very good manager, although whether Norwich — or Wolves — can sustain their form over 42 games remains to be seen.

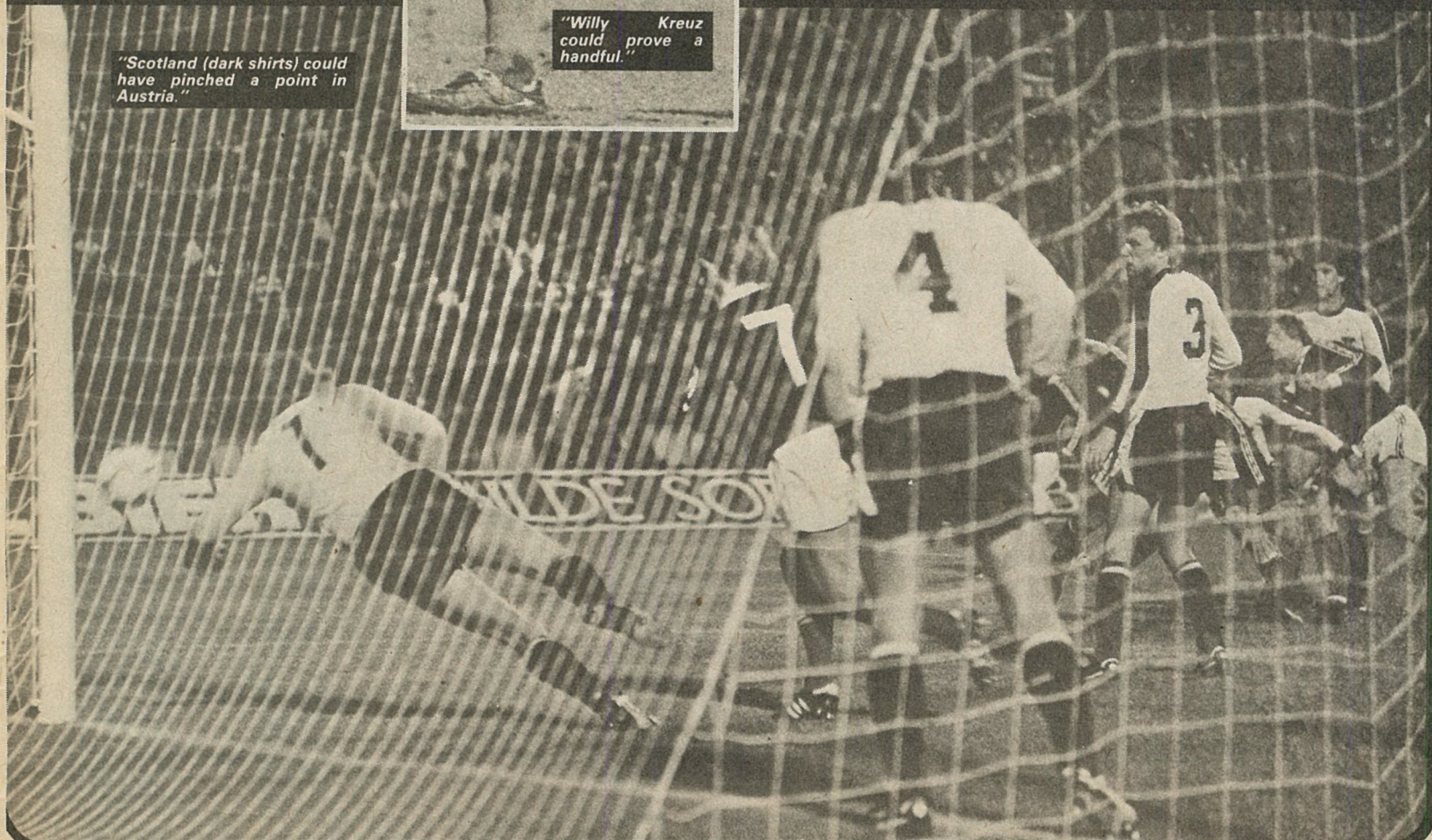
It's a little unrealistic to class either of us as real contenders because of the 22 clubs in Division One, only Forest and Liverpool have shown they can last the season. What I will say about Wolves is that we are heading in the right direction.

Points in the bag have relieved us of some pressure. After six games we had as many points as it took us three times as many games last season to collect.

Join me in two weeks,

*Andy Gray*

"Scotland (dark shirts) could have pinched a point in Austria."





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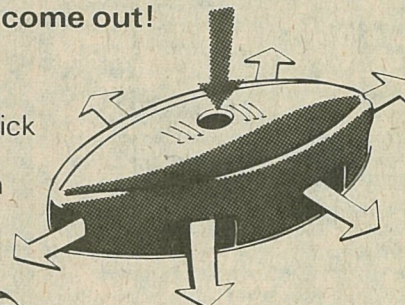


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**A**PART from captaining and playing for Rangers, the most important thing for me in football is to represent my country.

I know you may think it is corny for a player to say something like "It gave me such a thrill just to pull that jersey over my head," but I've got to admit here and now that is how it affects me.

I really mean that. I just love playing for my country since scoring all our goals in the British Championship matches last year. That sounds weird, doesn't it?

Do you know I haven't kicked a ball for my country since scoring all our goals in the British Championship matches last year. That sounds weird, doesn't it?

Actually we only scored twice in the three games, but I was lucky enough to get them both. The first came against Northern Ireland while we were trailing to a Martin O'Neill goal.

MacLeod and I having a punch-up. It's too ridiculous for words!

As you all know, we lost 1-0 to England and then went on the ill-fated trip to Argentina for the World Cup Finals and I didn't play in any of the matches. That's the way it goes, I suppose.

I've tried to get back into the squad because I desperately want to be involved. I know my old mate and Celtic rival Danny McGrain feels exactly the same way and said so in his column only last month.

As respective skippers of the Old Firm we are well used to responsibility and international honours obviously appeal to us. We both sat out the recent 1-1 draw with Peru at Hampden although we were both itching to be out there with the lads.

I've got to offer a belated congratulations to Davie Cooper, who made his international debut against the Peruvians. Well done,



## 'I NEVER HAD A PUNCH-UP WITH MacLEOD'

I got up above Chris Nicholl to head a right wing cross away from goalkeeper Jim Platt to give us a point. The following midweek I played again and scored with a diving header past Welsh 'keeper Dai Davies from a magnificent cross from Archie Gemmill. I thought we were going to win that game, but in the last minute Willie Donachie rolled the ball into his own net after Jim Blyth had thrown a clearance in his direction.

There are a lot of stories circulating saying I fell out with former boss Ally MacLeod and that was the reason he dropped me before the England match and played Joe Jordan in my place.

In fact, I heard a story about

Davie, I said in my column at the start of the season that Davie was going to come good and I'm glad to say he has proved me right.

All I have to do now is prove myself to Mr. Stein and I might be playing in the same attack as Davie on international duty. I sincerely hope so.

Scotland, of course, face Austria on Wednesday in their European



Championship match and I think the fans will be treated to a real cracker. I thought Austria were going to wallop Scotland in Vienna last year when they raced into a 8-0 lead.

I could hardly bear to watch, but, thankfully, goals from Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray put a better complexion on the scoreline. The Austrians, though, are a highly rated team with some exceptional players.

I'll be watching Hans Krankl closely. He plays in the same position as myself and his goalscoring rate is marvellous. I won't be copying his style, of course, but I might just pick up a little hint or two along the way. However, I hasten to add that I hope he is not too successful on Wednesday!

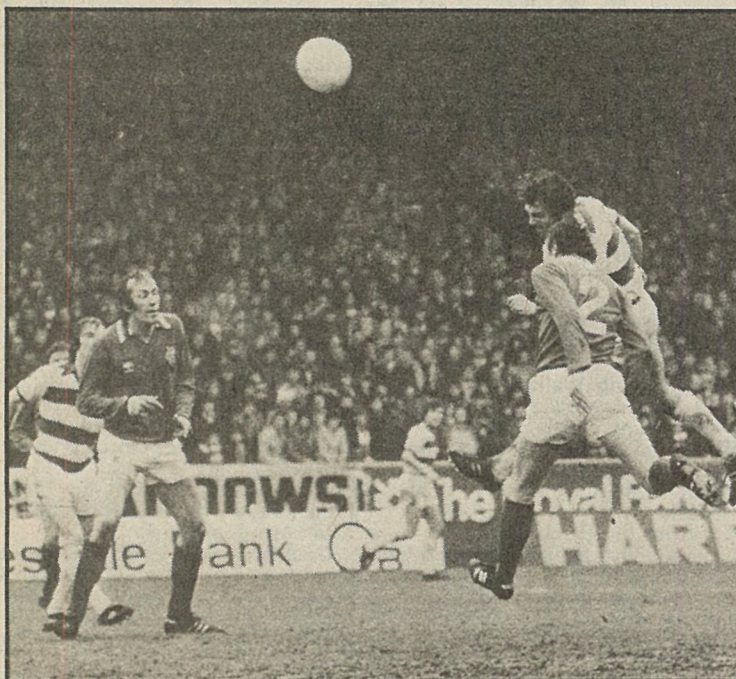
I've just got time to mention our League match against Morton, at Ibrox, on Saturday. They may not be a glamour club, but I can't recall ever having had it easy against them.

They are a workmanlike side and, of course, they have Andy Ritchie leading their attack. When he is around, no team can afford to take it easy. They've got a lot of good players who rarely get the headlines and I know we must give 100 per cent effort on Saturday if we are to take full points.

Wish us luck! Cheers for now... I'll see you all in a fortnight when I will be talking about Rangers' recent exploits in Europe.

*Derek Johnstone*

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# Cultured Caton aims to pass the Jordan test

**ARE** you 17, just got your exam results? Tommy Caton fits that description as well... except for one difference; he's also the first-choice centre-half for Manchester City this season!

"I still haven't caught up with what's happened in the last few weeks," says Caton. "Seeing my name in newspaper headlines is unreal. I just can't believe it's me!"

He's tall and rangy with tousled sandy hair and a refreshing enthusiasm for the game, which is tinged with disarming seriousness.

Last season Caton was on the terraces at Anfield, a schoolboy footballer for City and still full-time at school. Dave Watson was their number five, but thanks to Malcolm Allison's Maine Road Revolution Caton is now the big man at the back. How did the big break materialise?

"I chose City because the chances of breaking into the first team looked better here. I was fifth choice behind Mike Doyle, Tommy Booth, Dave Watson and Paul Fletcher when I arrived. At other clubs, such as Liverpool, the wait is much longer. Even so, I was surprised to be given the chance on our summer tour in Scotland and Belgium.

"It was fantastic playing with such experienced men as Tommy and Dragoslav Stepanovic, the Yugoslav international sweeper. In fact, it was a fairy-tale start — I scored in the opening game.

"My first League game, against

Crystal Palace, was quite an occasion. I could feel the tension building up in me in the dressing-room. In the tunnel I caught my first glimpse of the City fans — what a moment!

"As I ran out on to the pitch I was fighting for breath, I was dizzy, I've never felt like that before or since. I tried not to look at the crowd, all those faces.

"Luckily, in the first few minutes I made a couple of simple passes and this calmed me down.

"I was pleased to have done well in front of our own crowd on my League debut."

Caton's used to the big match atmosphere, though. As a schoolboy international he played for England against West Germany in front of 75,000 fans. He also played at Wembley twice, once missing a vital penalty against France. "Thank goodness that wasn't televised!" he says.

His life in football started at three as a mascot for his dad's team, Kirby Town.

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Just as Tommy's football began to blossom, the family moved to Australia. His development continued and at the age of ten represented South Australia and Australia itself at Under-13 level.

By the time he'd returned he had switched to midfield, but then came the big move to centre-half when a teacher persuaded him to give it a try.

Since signing schoolboy forms for City in March, 1978, though still a full-time student, he became a reserve team regular. "I had to fit my schoolwork and football together. I didn't have much social life — I was either studying or playing."

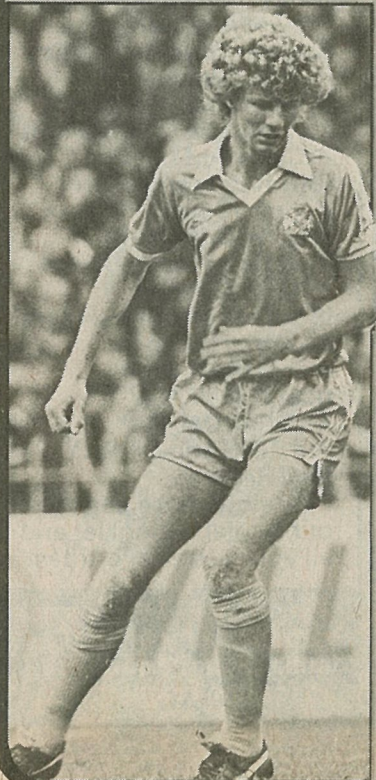
What does he think of his opposition so far? "The best test of my ability is going to be Joe Jordan," he says with a grin.

"As an old Liverpool fan, I'm obviously looking forward to playing against them. Especially Kenny Dalglish. Anyone who's been a Kopkite can understand how I feel at the thought of facing them."

So far as the future goes, there could be a conflict between his academic plans and football. "I passed seven O-levels and hope to start my A-levels soon, one at a time. I may have a go at a diploma or a degree, but in the near future football comes first.

"My lifestyle hasn't changed dramatically. I live in digs during the week and go home at the weekend."

In fact, it's all still new and exciting for Tommy Caton, who is proving himself in the toughest League in the world. He's a footballing centre-half, who's cool under pressure... with a great future ahead of him.



# GORDON WALLACE —the striker who can't quit

**VETERAN** striker Gordon Wallace is caught up in a unique dilemma... he just cannot stop scoring goals.

Wallace, player-manager with ambitious First Division outfit Raith Rovers, is desperate to quit the playing side of the game to concentrate on managerial matters; but he can't do that while he continues to hammer in goals with enviable ease and regularity.

He has actually tried to retire twice and been forced back into action. He has even dropped himself three times to give younger players their chance, but he has always called himself back into action when the crunch has arrived.

The former Dundee and Dundee United striker has even tried to buy a player to replace him in the firing line.

"I keep getting quoted ridiculous figures," says the super-fit 36-year-old. "There is no way, however, I am going to put Raith Rovers in financial trouble.

"So I'll just have to keep playing until I can get someone at the price I am prepared to pay at the cash we can afford."

Raith Rovers fans are hardly complaining. Wallace, who started his senior career with the Stark's Park team and won the Scottish Player of the Year award in 1968, is one of the most consistent goalscorers in the history of Scottish soccer.

When Wallace blasted in a penalty-kick against Clydebank on September 22 it was his 313th League and Cup goal. Not bad going, but Wallace wasn't celebrating afterwards... his side lost 4-2 and also had their unbeaten tag taken from them.

Wallace trails behind Jimmy McGrory (487 goals), Gordon Smith (361), Jimmy Smith (337) and Willie Wallace (321) in the all-

time great strikers list North of the border. Joe Harper, the Aberdeen super striker, is racing neck and neck with Wallace at the moment with the same total on September 22.

However, the way Wallace is playing it would appear that he could pass some of those other totals and book a higher place among the elitists.

What is his goal secret? Wallace, quiet and unassuming, says: "I try not to waste time and get my shot on target with as much accuracy as possible."

That logic has brought him a mountain of goals, but, sadly, Wallace has never won the awards his skilful finishing undoubtedly deserves. A highlight of his career was the 1973 League Cup Final when he was playing for Dundee against Celtic.

## Horrendous

There was only one goal on a wet, windy, miserable afternoon at Hampden and that came from the lethal right foot of Wallace. Despite the horrendous conditions, he acted with grace and poise as he moved away from the Celtic defence, tamed a high free-kick from Bobby Wilson on his chest and then turned to rifle a low shot past the despairing dive of goalkeeper Ally Hunter.

That was Wallace at his most lethal, showing the natural ability of a born goalscorer.

Goalkeepers certainly wouldn't mind if he got his great wish and could concentrate on the managerial side of things... obviously it would make their job out on the field a lot more easy.

However, it looks as though Wallace will continue sniping until the end of this season at least. That's good news for Raith fans... bad news for opponents!



## TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time

1. Peter Morris is player-manager of which Fourth Division club?

2. The Football League Cup Final was first played at Wembley in 1964-65, 1965-66 or 1966-67?

3. Jairzinho (Brazil), Jimmy Greaves (England) or Gerd Muller (West Germany) is the only player to have scored in every round of a World Cup Finals?

4. Dalymount Park is the home ground of which Republic of Ireland club?

5. Two West Ham players were named in the England B side for a friendly game against New Zealand at Orient recently. Phil Parkes was one ... can you name the other?

6. Which player (now past 30) did Norwich City manager John Bond say was still good enough for the England squad?



7. Italy played Sweden in a friendly international last month and beat them 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0?

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP**  
The Third Round of the Football League Cup was played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

8. Arsenal beat last season's losing Finalists, Southampton 2-1. Did Frank Stapleton or Liam Brady (left) score the winner?

9. Norwich were 4-1 winners against Manchester United, thanks to two own-goals from the Old Trafford side ... who were the unlucky pair?

10. Which Nottingham Forest striker scored his first-ever hat-trick in the holders 3-1 win at Middlesbrough?

11. Manchester City and Sunderland battled to a 1-1 draw at Maine Road. What was the half-time score?

12. Did West Ham or Southend United take the lead during their 1-1 draw at Upton Park?

13. Which club did Queens Park Rangers beat 3-0 away from home?

14. True or false? Tony Brown came on as substitute and scored West Brom's winning goal against Coventry from a penalty?

15. Birmingham City suffered a 2-1 home defeat by which Third Division club?

### ANSWERS:

1. Peterborough. 2. 1966-67. 3. Jairzinho. 4. Bohemians. 5. Alan Devonshire. 6. Martin Peters. 7. 1-0. 8. Liam Brady. 9. Jimmy Nicholl and Martin Buchan. 10. Tony Woodcock. 11. 0-0. 12. Southend. 13. Mansfield. 14. True. 15. Exeter.

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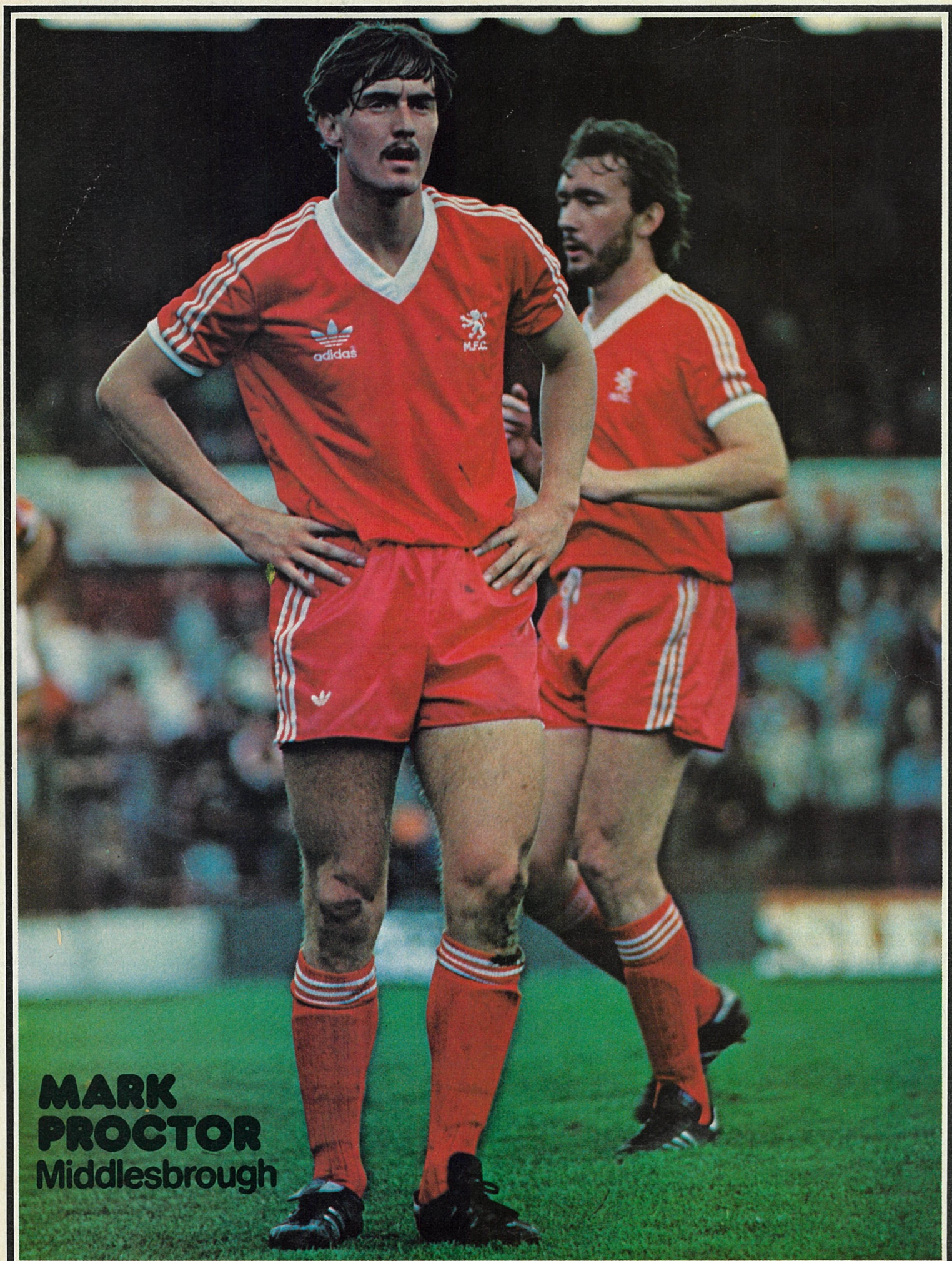


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